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COMMUNISTS HALT YANGTSE DRIVE

Reports Say Cease-Fire Issued To Red Forces RUMOURS ON SHANGHAI

Nanking, April, 12.

The Communists were today reported to have halted their general drive against the Yangtse River in accordance with the Communist High Command cease-fire order to all their frontline forces in the country.

A responsible official source confirmed that latest information from Peiping said the Communist orders were issued yesterday. He said the orders called upon the Communist forces not to attack during the peace talks.

Inflation To Continue

Nanking, April 12.
There was no possibility of altering Nationalist China's policy until after a peace settlement had been concluded, the Finance Minister, Mr. S. Y. Liu, was reliably reported today to have told the Legislative Yuan in a closed session.
Mr. Liu was said to have declared that the government could not balance its budget and had no alternative but to continue its policy of printing bigger and bigger banknotes to make up the deficit.

Ordinance On Strikes To Be Aired

An Ordinance to outlaw strikes and lock-outs having objectives other than the furtherance of a trade dispute and being designed to coerce the Government, will have its first reading at the Legislative Council meeting today.
The new Ordinance also makes it an offence to start or to continue or to apply any sums in furtherance or support of such strikes and lock-outs.

No person who is employed in the service of the Crown under the Government of Hong Kong or by any company or person engaged in supplying water, electric current or gas to the public or engaged in maintaining any public transport, bus service or public ferry, or engaged in maintaining any telephone or sanitary service, shall wilfully break a contract of service if he knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the probable consequences of his so doing (either alone or in combination with others) would, failing the adoption of extraordinary measures, be to deprive the inhabitants of the Colony of their supply of water, electric current or gas or of the ordinary facilities of transport or of the ordinary telephone or sanitary services, according to the Ordinance.

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A person employed in the service of the Crown shall be deemed to have broken his contract of service if he knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the probable consequences of his so doing (either alone or in combination with others) would, failing the adoption of extraordinary measures, be to deprive the inhabitants of the Colony of their supply of water, electric current or gas or of the ordinary facilities of transport or of the ordinary telephone or sanitary services, according to the Ordinance.

Chinese press reports that the government's Chief of General Staff, General Ku Chu-tung yesterday also issued a cease-fire order to Nationalist frontline forces were denied by the government spokesman as incorrect. The spokesman said there was no necessity for the government to issue such an order because its troops are on the defensive.

A high official source said the Communists agreed to halt attacks against Nationalist positions after the government peace delegates appealed directly to the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung over the heads of the Communist official delegation.

Press reports reaching Nanking today said General Lin Biao's Communists, which advanced to within 30 miles North of Hankow, were now withdrawing Northwards towards Huanyang, 125 miles to the North. Other reports this morning said local clashes were still in progress at some points, including Wuhu and Anking, 30 and 145 miles South West of Nanking, but the general drive as a whole was petered out.

The reports added that Nationalist units in Wuhu and Anking were still attacking because they had not yet received the cease-fire orders.

Fighting Halts

The semi-official Military News Agency said today that Nanking had halted North of Nanking, and said that the Communists were withdrawing Northwards an average of two miles. Since late yesterday evening gunfire was no longer audible in Chienkiang.

The agency added that the government forces were staying in their positions without making any effort to pursue the withdrawing Communists.

The army organ, Peace Daily, reported today that government troops guarding the bridgeheads opposite Nanking advanced five miles Northward to capture Huoching, a railway station. The paper said this operation was undertaken to widen the elbow room for the forces defending Nanking.

The Peace Daily also reported the government capture yesterday from Yanyun, rail town 50 miles North of Hankow in Central China.

Reuter reports that Nationalist troops have lost five but still retain five other bridgeheads on the North bank of the Yangtse East of Nanking, according to reports from Chienkiang. The Nationalist stronghold on the South bank, 40 miles East of the capital.

Bridgeheads Lost

The bridgeheads lost to date in fighting that has been in progress during the past week are Tachow, 15 miles East of Nanking, Yichang, 30 miles East of the capital, Sanjiangying, 15 miles North East of Chienkiang, Lungwukow and Tienhsienchiao, both about 100 miles North West of Shanghai.

The bridgeheads still held are Hukow, opposite Nanking, Shihwei, Luwei and Kwachow, opposite Chienkiang, and Pawel Kang, about 60 miles North West of Shanghai.

Element Of Truth

It is widely stated that the rumours may well contain an element of truth, as they reflect the Chinese characteristic of achieving compromise wherever possible.

One report states that Shanghai bankers have agreed to pay the Chinese Communist Party US\$25,000,000 to ensure that the city be not occupied.

The report adds that US\$5,000,000 have already been paid towards this end.

Another report states that supporters of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek are desirous of again declaring Shanghai an International Settlement, at least temporarily, and are attempting to secure foreign support for the plan.

A third report states that supporters of President Li Tsung-jen are also trying to make arrangements with the Communists to save the city from occupation.

Well-informed quarters say it is quite possible that the Communists might consider a deal of the type stated above, and they are fearful of facing the administrative problems which Shanghai presents.

They state that there is no likelihood of foreign countries supporting the plan to return Shanghai to international control.

Meeting?

Itchable reports said that Acting President Li Tsung-jen this afternoon was meeting other government leaders to make a final decision whether to send additional peace delegates to Peiping to talk with the Communists.

The names mentioned included the Prime Minister, General Ho Ying-chin, President of the Council, Mr. Yu Yu-jen, and the former President of the Judicial Yuan, Mr. Chu Cheng.

Alternatively, another report suggested that the Communists will send representatives to Nanking, but the Kiangsu Evening Post reported that the Communists had indicated they would prefer to welcome additional Nationalist peace delegates at Peiping.

At the Peiping peace talks, near completion of their second week of informal discussions, military observers are asking how long the Communist commanders can safely delay their planned crossing by force to enable their Peiping negotiators to endeavour to secure a peaceful crossing.

Observers say that flood waters will pour down the Yangtse next month, jeopardising the success of any Communist major operation after May 15.—United Press and Reuter.

New Plans For Nationalisation By Labour Govt

London, April 12.
Britain's Labour Party today proposed a second instalment of nationalisation, a new plan for the state to take over insurance companies, the sugar manufacturing and refining industry, the cement industry, water supplies and all suitable minerals.

This new five year programme, which has yet to be endorsed by the Party's National Conference in June, will be put into force if Labour wins next year's general election.

The 30 page manifesto warned the ship-building and repairing industry that if private enterprise

Message On Ship Accident

A telegram was received yesterday by the Governor of Hong Kong from the Colonial Office in connection with the sinking of the ss. Miss Orient last month.

The message from the Secretary of State for the Colonies said: "I much regret to learn of the sinking of the Miss Orient in such tragic circumstances.

"Please convey my sincere sympathy to the injured and to the relatives of those who lost their lives."

failed, Labour would not hesitate to take all steps necessary to ensure that this national asset is never again neglected.

The vast chemical industry, about whose future there has been considerable speculation, was told: "It should prove necessary in order to assure national vital interests, Labour will transfer to public ownership any appropriate sections of this key industry."

Proposing the nationalisation of insurance, the manifesto declared: "Labour proposes that all the industrial assurance companies, the highest being the Prudential and the Pearl, and the larger collecting societies, should be taken over as they stand."—Reuter.

The Swiss Have A Book For It

As your fingers curl around that mug, as you wipe the foam from your well satisfied lips, be glad that beer-drinking in Hong Kong is so simple. In Switzerland it is different.

Yes, in some parts of Switzerland they have complicated the process of imbibing by a book of rules, which says how much and when and provides penalties for disobedience.

This quaint custom came over the border from Germany, according to a man who knows. While it does not generally prevail in Switzerland today, there are still a number of clubs in the German section of Switzerland which drink by the book. Unusually students form the main body of membership.

The ritualistic drinkers propose toasts at their sessions which must be replied to in a standard manner.

Prompt Action Averts Shipping Disaster Aboard Dutch Vessel

(By Our Harbour Reporter)
Prompt action by the master, Mr. G. N. Prass, of the ss. Van Reimsdijk, evidently averted what would have been another shipping disaster when the 2,997-ton Dutch steamer was rocked by an explosion as she was proceeding to Hong Kong from the Straits last week-end.

Every passenger was equipped with a lifejacket and the lifeboats were prepared for immediate launching when smoke was detected emanating from the No. 2 hatch, containing about 500 tons of cargo, including timber.

One and a half hours after the warning, an explosion rocked the ship, injuring several members of the crew who were then engaged in removing the luggage of the passengers in the tween-deck above the hatch.

There was hardly any sign of panic among the passengers, who were by then fully prepared for any emergency.

To kill the resultant fire, water was let in to flood the hold. The Van Reimsdijk steamed at 10 knots (nominally 14 knots) for Saigon as a precaution, instead of proceeding to Hoihow, her original port of call before calling here.

Damage to the cargo amounted to several tons, according to Mr. Prass. These were left behind at the French port, where she stayed for two days.

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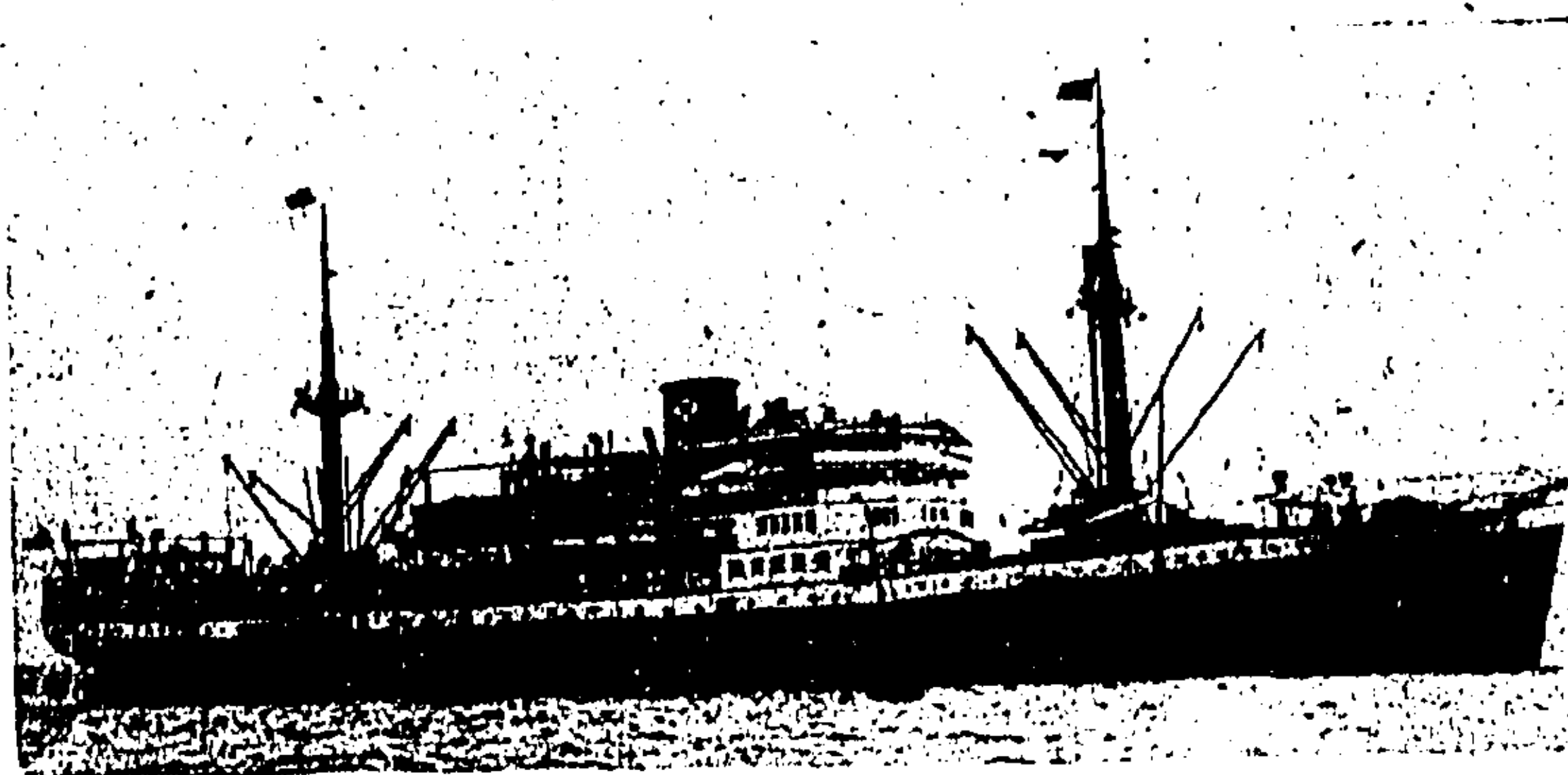
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Explosion On Dutch Vessel



But for prompt action by the master, Mr. G. N. Prass, and the coolness of the passengers, the Dutch steamer Van Reimsdijk would have been the scene of another shipping disaster when an explosion in her No. 2 hatch, containing 500 tons of cargo, including timber, rocked the 2,997-ton vessel as she was proceeding to Hong Kong from the Straits last week-end.—(China Mail) Photo

Currency Rules For Travellers To, From Britain

Details of the currency regulations affecting travellers entering and leaving the United Kingdom were released by the Public Relations Office yesterday.

Travellers entering the United Kingdom may bring in not more than £5 in sterling notes, travellers' cheques, letters of credit, etc., in any currency and to any amount.

Notes in currencies other than sterling without limit.

Tourists and other temporary visitors should, however, make sure that the amounts of such notes are correctly stamped in their passports by the Immigration Officer at the place of entry into the United Kingdom; otherwise they will experience difficulty should they wish to take the notes with them when leaving the United Kingdom.

Travellers leaving the United Kingdom may take out not more than £5 in sterling notes, or the equivalent of £10 in notes in currencies other than sterling, but tourists and other temporary visitors may take out to the United Kingdom notes up to the amount stamped in their passports by the Immigration Officer when they arrived in the United Kingdom.

With these exceptions no notes in currencies other than sterling may be taken out of the United Kingdom unless the traveller produces a Certificate "C" to the Immigration Officer at the place of exit from the United Kingdom to obtain this certificate travellers should apply to a bank or travel agent in the United Kingdom.

If travellers who are about to leave the United Kingdom have excess amounts of currency or are in any doubt as to the amounts they will be allowed to take with them they are advised to consult a bank. In their own interests travellers should make sure that they do not arrive at the place of entry or departure with excess currency since the excess cannot be deposited with Customs or Immigration Officers but will be taken.

The Dock Labour Board announced that more than 13,000 of London's estimated 20,000 dockworkers are now on strike.

Some union members claimed as many as 10,000 had walked out. Most were stevedores, who began the strike yesterday, protesting against the dismissal of 32 men.

Their numbers swelled this morning by thousands of dockers, who voted to strike last night, despite a stay-at-your-work order from the Transport and General Workers' Union, which regarded the walkout as unofficial.

Tonight, lightermen—men who ply cargo barges in the Thames—are meeting to decide if they will join the strike.

Along London's piles of docks, export goods are piling up—automobiles, machinery and textiles. Of the 60 ships made idle, many have large quantities of meat, wheat, flour, cheese and cocoa awaiting discharge.

The Labour Ministry is understood to be studying a conciliatory offer of the strike—if the stoppage continues, the authorities are expected to consider sending troops to the docks to shift the perishable cargoes, as was done in the dockland tie-up of last June.

It is expected that the Cabinet will discuss the dock strike at its meeting tomorrow.

The stoppage is causing some anxiety in ministerial quarters. An early parliamentary statement on the strike is likely, and there will be a meeting of the official effort to avoid the delay in handling food supplies, which occurred in last year's London dock strike.

—Reuter.



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BIF Delegates To Be Feted

The 34 Hong Kong businessmen who are flying to England to visit the British Industries Fair will be given an official reception at the Colonial Office on April 28. The dinner will be presided over by Mr. Rees Williams, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Rees Williams will also speak at a luncheon to be given by British industrialists at the Savoy Hotel on May 4.

YMCA BRAINS TRUST SESSION

A Brains Trust session, under the auspices of the European YMCA's Debating and Discussion Group, will be held at the YMCA, Kowloon, at 8.45 p.m. tonight. The question master will be Mr. L. Sturrock. The "brains" will be composed of Commander Hecching, Mr. B.A. Bernhardt and Mr. G. A. Goodban.

All interested are cordially invited to attend.

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A story of two rich women from Shanghai, alleged to have been swindled in games of Fan Tan, was told to Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

The committal proceedings of the case is likely to be one of the longest in the Colony. The opening will continue this morning.

The first four defendants, Ng Yauk-ping (female), Tang Woon-tai, alias Tang Pak-ho, Shiu Chi-wan, alias Miss Lee (female) and Young Su were charged with larceny by trick and conspiracy to defraud HK\$300,000 from Ruby Ma.

The fifth defendant, Chong Shing, was charged with larceny by trick of HK\$100,000.

With Assistant Superintendent of Police Moore prosecuting, Mr. A. S. C. Corbett represented the first and second defendants, Mr. C. A. S. Ross the third defendant and M. A. de Silva the fourth defendant. Mr. Remondos, who is to represent the fifth defendant, was absent from yesterday's proceedings.

DS Moore said that in August 1947 Mrs. Young Su Gu May arrived here from Shanghai by plane. The first defendant, Ng Yauk-ping, was also on the same plane and introduced herself to Mrs. Young at the airport. She asked Mrs. Young whether she could do her a favour in Manila and asked her to call at 50 Des Voeux Road Central a few days later.

Two days later Mrs. Young went to the address and met the third and second defendant. Soon afterwards they were joined by the fourth defendant, who was introduced to Mrs. Young as Yan Wai-pang.

The fourth defendant, Young Su, asked Mrs. Young if she could help a certain Miss Lee to get some jewellery back from Manila. If she would go, he said, he would be willing to pay a sum between HK\$10,000 to HK\$20,000 to cover expenses. Mrs. Young said that she thought she could help her.

Cost \$200,000

On the following day Mrs. Young again went to 50 Des Voeux Road Central. There she saw the first and second defendants and after half an hour they were joined by the fourth defendant. He told them that on the previous evening he had been to a party with Miss Lee and she lost HK\$200,000 at Fan Tan.

He himself, had to pay HK\$20,000 for her.

Then, the fourth defendant suggested that they should form a syndicate in gambling because if they did not cheat her, someone else would.

Before they started gambling they had to have a minimum amount of HK\$300,000 between them. Mrs. Young agreed to the proposal and contributed HK\$37,000 as her share of the HK\$300,000. She also gave the first defendant a pair of ear rings, which could be mortgaged for HK\$20,000.

Mrs. Young was told by the first, second and fourth defendants that they had raised the remainder of the money and that it was in a safe in the Vaux Central.

Then Miss Lee, the third defendant, came. She said that she had HK\$300,000 with her but Mrs. Young did not see the money. The first defendant asked Miss Lee if she would play Fan Tan with Mrs. Young and the third defendant agreed. She left and said that she would return later.

While she was away the fourth defendant suggested that they should take an oath of secrecy.

The fourth defendant then showed Mrs. Young how to play

the part of banker in Fan Tan and taught her how to use her fingers as signal. Mrs. Young practised for about half an hour.

Shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon the third defendant returned with a bag. She said that the bag contained HK\$300,000. Ten games of Fan Tan were arranged.

Small Bets

In the first six games the first defendant lost. In the seventh game the third defendant put a large stake on No. 4 after Mrs. Young showed that No. 1 would be the winner. However, when Mrs. Young opened the Fan Tan she found the bet was on No. 1 instead of No. 4. The remaining three games were played with small bets.

The fourth defendant did not gamble but kept the tally which showed that in addition to HK\$300,000 as a banker Mrs. Young has lost a further HK\$100,000. After collecting the money, the third defendant left and said that she would gamble with them any time when they had money.

On August 25, 1947 Mrs. Young with the first defendant and a man named Mang Si-cheuk, went to a lawyer, H. K. Wu's office. Mrs. Ma signed a promissory note for HK\$40,000 in return for her ear rings.

A few days later Mrs. Young told Mrs. Ma the whole story. Then first defendant contacted Mrs. Ma and introduced herself. A few days later Mrs. Ma left for Shanghai, following Mrs. Young. A week later Mrs. Ma and Mrs. Young returned to Hong Kong together. They were met at the airport by the first and second defendants. They went together for lunch.

During the lunch the first defendant said that she had no money and the fourth defendant was very ill. Mrs. Ma promised to help in connection with business. On December 13 another 10 games of Fan Tan were fixed among Mrs. Ma, Mrs. Young, and the first four defendants.

As before, Mrs. Ma was taught how to play the part of banker and how to use her finger as signal during the absence of Miss Lee. Again in the seventh game something went wrong. As a result Mrs. Ma lost HK\$300,000.

Then the fourth defendant promised to give all the money back to Mrs. Ma by selling his mines in Singapore.

On October 8, 1948 Mrs. Ma met the first defendant at a restaurant, and the latter admitted that they had swindled her.

On January 26 Mrs. Ma brought the matter to Inspector Moore and from then onward both Mrs. Ma and Mrs. Young were acting on the instruction of police.

The next day Mrs. Ma and Mrs. Young met the first, second and fourth defendants at a restaurant. The meeting was observed by Detective Sub-Inspector Van Kwok-hsing. During the meeting the first defendant again admitted she had swindled them.

In view to get the four defendants together Mrs. Ma agreed to introduce a rich friend to them.

Personalia

Mr. F. Cleme left for Swatow yesterday by the ss. Tainan.

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony yesterday by CPA from Manila were Messrs. Thakuradas S. Marchandani, Cui Thun, Chet Bai S. Marchandani and Ting Kim-lan.

Mr. W. de Wilder, and Mrs. R. E. Maglin and her baby son left for Amoy and Kobe, respectively, yesterday by the ss. Foochow.

Dr. and Mrs. N. Tinnell, the Reverend Mr. A. F. Gilling and Mr. P. Alacube left the Colony yesterday by the ss. Heinrich Jensen for Amoy.

Miss Betty Wong Wing-ling, Assistant Almoner, Medical Department, has been awarded, under the Colonial Development and Welfare Scholarship Scheme, a two-year Scholarship for the Diploma Course in Social Science at the London School of Economics. She will sail for United Kingdom in August this year.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. William Rignwick, missionary pastor of the Anglican School, 136 Pokfulam Road, and Miss Virginia Carlson, missionary teacher, of the same address.

Sir Alvaro Gascoigne, special representative of the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, to Tokyo, left yesterday by BOAC plane for the United Kingdom.

Mr. A. Hollis and Mr. H. E. Wadsworth, British textile experts who have been inspecting the Colony's mills and formulating plans for the increase of production, left yesterday by BOAC plane for the United Kingdom.

Mr. Walter J. Kelly, President of Muller and Phipps (China), Limited, arrived here yesterday by Pan American plane from Manila. He will be staying in Hong Kong for 10 days and will then proceed to Shanghai.

Mr. Jack Birns, photographer for Life magazine, arrived here yesterday by Philippine Airlines plane from Manila.

Mr. Jim Flood, J. A. P. Correspondent, left yesterday by Hong Kong Airways plane for Canton. He is later going to Hankow.

Mrs. V. Burnett, Miss C. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart, Miss H. A. Stewart, Messrs. J. M. A. Fay, L. M. Austin, C. C. Norman, and G. H. F. Willett left for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Messrs. A. D. Bennett, W. E. Rundle and Chen Yu-chang left the Colony yesterday for Bangkok by BOAC.

Mr. M. F. Shellim left Hong Kong by BOAC yesterday for Calcutta.

Messrs. C. G. Hammes, A. Hollis and H. E. Wadsworth left Hong Kong for Augusta by BOAC yesterday.

Messrs. A. Parry, Pedro L. Jintila, F. Dayani, A. G. Grojaban and Afrain Ong were among the passengers who left for Manila on Monday by CPA.

Messrs. Sy Koh, Liu Haleng-isen, Tan To, and Quing See arrived in the Colony on Monday by CPA from Manila.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mrs. C. F. Chen, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hamer, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sed-

'Twelfth Night' Due For Presentation

At the Ching Fleet Club Theatre on April 28, 29 and 30 the Hong Kong Stage Club are presenting Shakespeare's perennially delightful lyric comedy "Twelfth Night". This is the Stage Club's first venture in Shakespearean production but it promises to be interesting and lively.

The settings designed by Gordon Wigglesworth aim at a colourful variety allowing speed in presentation, and the costumes designed by Margaret Obitas will be, in her usual manner, charming and effective.

The cast is a strong one, and includes a number of members who have not yet been in Stage Club productions. Coralie Wolfe and Molly Terry play the parts of the twins, Viola and Sebastian, whose similarity in appearance causes so much confusion. Hubert Hawes in a haze of foolish but endearing bewilderment portrays Sir Andrew Aguecheek, and Isaac Silson will certainly impress audiences with her mischievous Marlow. Conrad Watson and G. B. Gibbons also make their first appearance, the one as Feste the Jester, and the other playing Valentine and one of the Officers.

The difficult role of Olivia is played by Elizabeth Rider who has been seen recently as Lady Teazle in the University Arts Association production of "The School for Scandal".

Of the familiar faces, Derek Orchard as the Duke will send the play off with a swing, and smaller parts are being taken by Hubert Clarke, Henry Jones, Peter Levett, and Nelson Seliger.

It is fitting that Clifford Davies' final appearance in a Stage Club production should be in a part that demands and undoubtedly will receive, his quite notable skill, robust humour, and sensitive stagecraft.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Miss D. Hershon, Miss E. Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hirst, Mrs. M. Ramsay, Mrs. C. N. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stewart, Mrs. D. M. Deane, Messrs. E. S. Wilson, E. H. W. Lewis, H. V. Smith, T. L. Jones, W. Pollock, L. M. Austin, and Miss H. Wong.

Mr. Thomas Winburn and Mr. Chang Cheng-koo were among the passengers to arrive here by Air France on Monday from Hanoi.

Arrivals from Tientsin yesterday by the ss. Hunan included Mr. and Mrs. T. Altrec, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Blum, Miss A. Lau, Miss Bertrams, Mr. D. Christoperson, Mrs. A. A. E. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Haenisch, Miss H. Haenisch, Mr. H. N. Laver, Mr. and Mrs. C. Oppalfens, Miss N. Oppalfens, Mrs. Margaret Stoch, Miss N. Tulakina and Mrs. P. Will.

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Sir Toby Belch is a lesser Falstaff, but it is a part that can be so easily ruled by the imaginative reeling of a cygo drunkard. We feel sure that, in these hands, it is safe.

The play is being produced by Reinhold Obitas who also plays Malvolio.

Special Ferry

Seats may be booked at the Tsang Fook Pingo Company, in Marina House after 10.30 every morning. The special performance for schools is now almost completely sold out, but several seats are now being reserved for schools on Friday as well. The times of the three performances have been arranged to suit as many people as possible. Those who like to dine at leisure may come at the 9 p.m. performance on Saturday, whilst those who avoid late nights may come to the Friday performance at 7.15. As usual a special ferry has been organized for the benefit of Kowloon residents. It will take passengers from the Police pier direct to the waterfront immediately before the theatre and will return with them after the show.

For the final play of the season the Stage Club have chosen the modern English comedy of cottage life—"Quiet Week-End". This will be under the production of Derek Orchard and will be presented at the end of May. A casting meeting for this will be held today in the Lecture Theatre of the P.R.O. in Statue Square and all who are interested, both Members and those who would like to be members, are invited to attend.

Invited To Go To England

Dr. Cheung Kin, Commissioner of Education of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, has received an invitation through the British Council, to visit England. Dr. Cheung was appointed Superintendent of the Kwangtung Army Medical College in 1934. Through his efforts the Canton Army Medical College was established.

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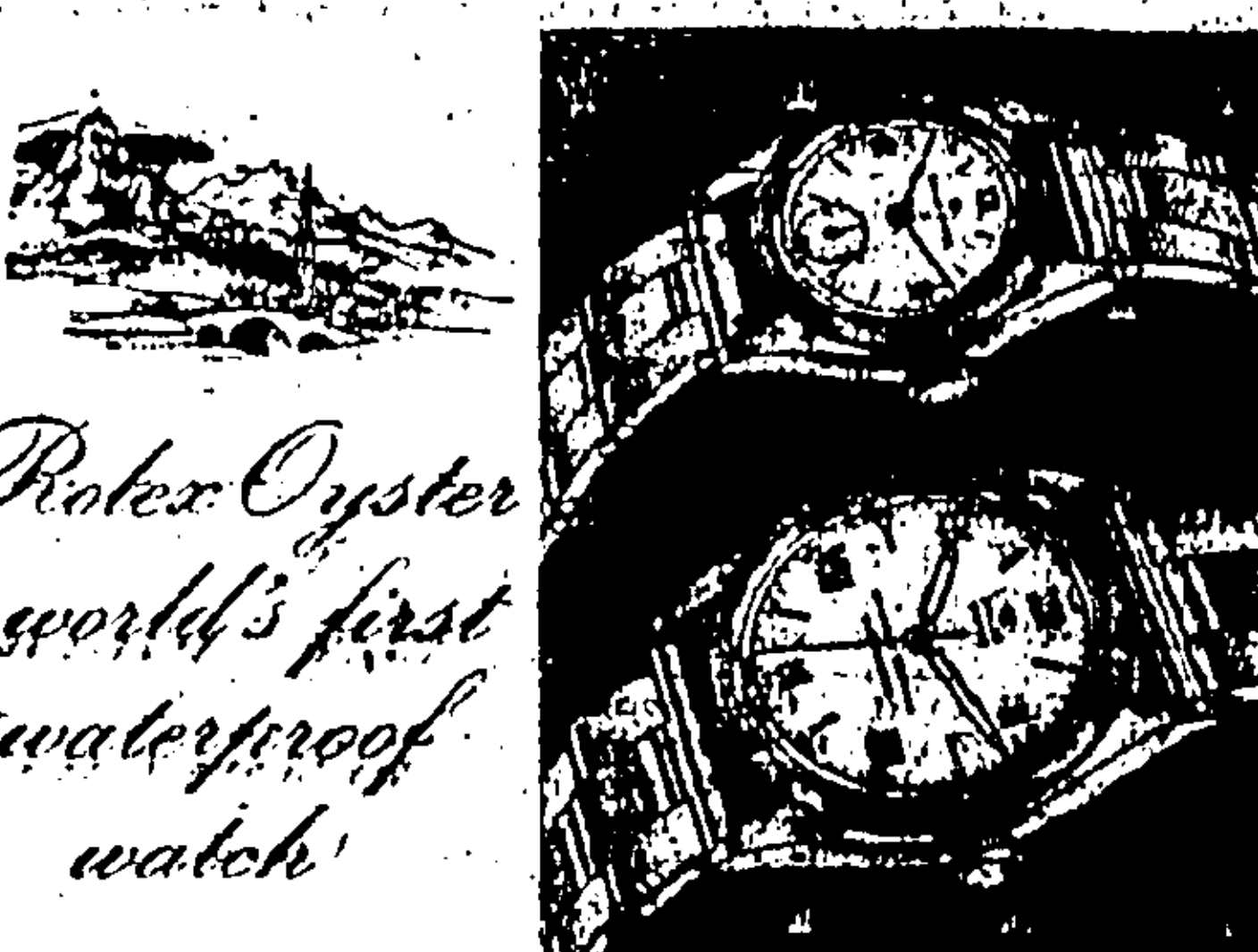
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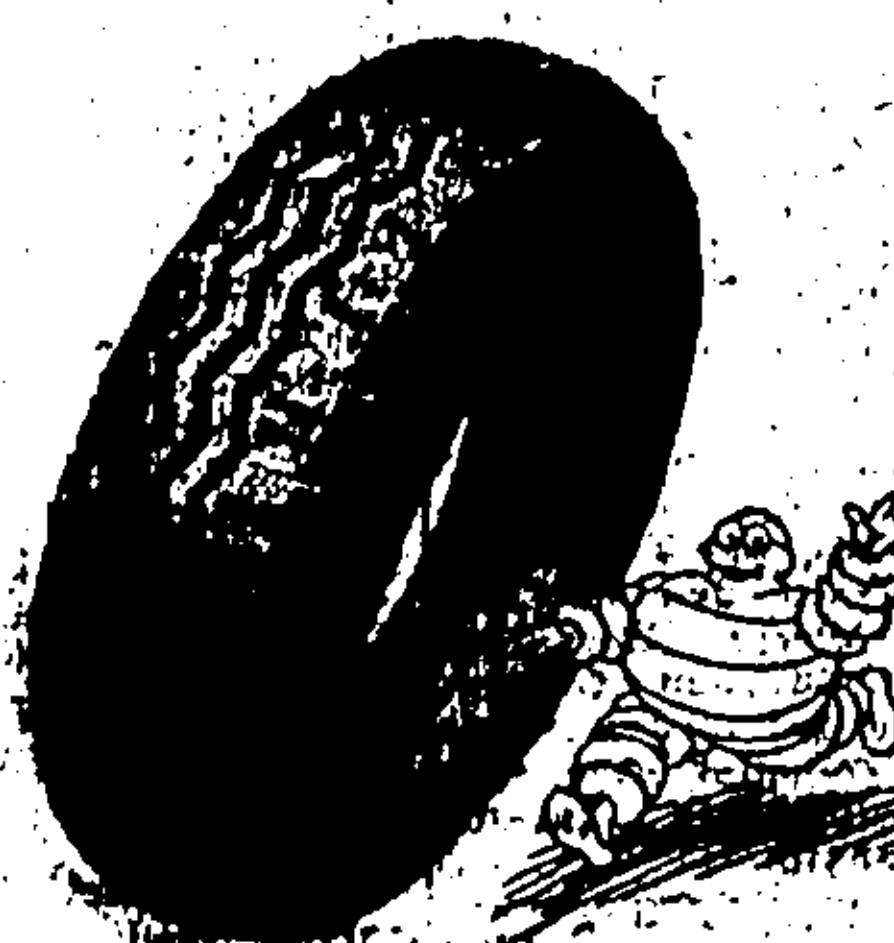
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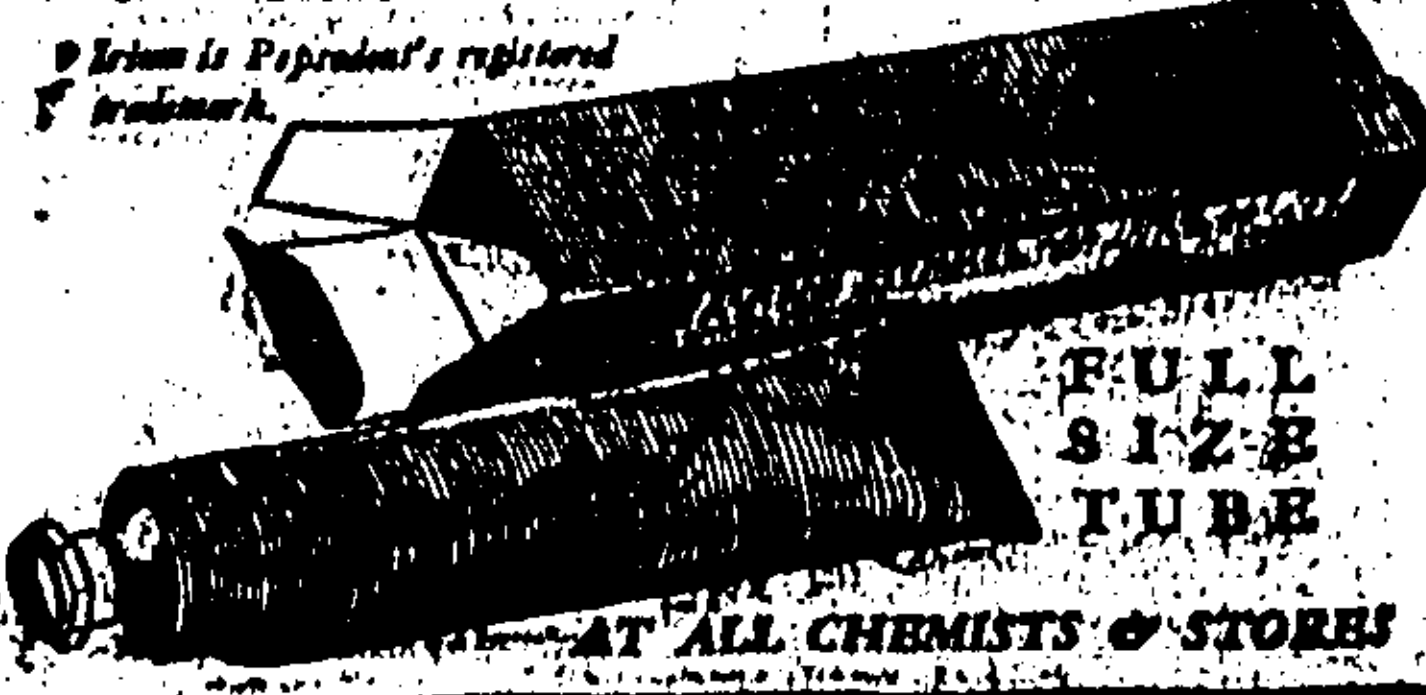
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(Ordinance No. 40 of 1932)

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(2) Such notice shall contain the following information with regard to the procession:—

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(c) the proposed route thereof and number of persons who will participate therein;

(d) the number and type of vehicles intended to be used;

(e) the number of bands, if any, intended to be provided by the organisers.

(3) The persons responsible for the organisation of the procession will ensure that peace and good order is preserved and minimise any obstruction or inconvenience and shall comply with any directions given by the Commissioner of Police as to the route which shall be followed.

(4) This permit shall not extend to a procession encroaching upon a footpath or verandah.

NOTICE

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor on Thursday, the 14th day of April, 1949 at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from 2nd to the 14th day of April, 1949, both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 28, 1949.

NOTICE

Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 15th, 16th and 18th, 1949 respectively having been declared general holidays, this Department will be closed on those days except as under:

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Marine Office, Hong Kong, April 11, 1949.

NOTICE

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Windsor House, Mezzanine Floor, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 5th May, 1949 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 21st April to Thursday 5th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. A. BRENNER, Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 12, 1949.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Albert Edward Clarke of 20, Magdala Road Dover in the County of Kent formerly of Public Works Department, Hongkong, Retired Senior Inspector, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 29th day of April, 1949.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

DATED the 6th day of April, 1949.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fortieth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 28th April, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th April, 1949 to the 26th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers.

April 4, 1949.

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expected him to lead some other suit next, he watched his partner's play carefully for a guide as to what he should do. He was all set to see a suit-preference signal from West—a high heart if West wanted him to switch to the higher-ranking suit of spades and a low one if West desired a club lead to the second trick. When West played the 2 of East considered he had the information he wanted. So he led his club 4 next. That handed the contract to North on a silver platter, as the J got a cheap trick with it and North took the rest of the tricks without making a single uncertain play.

It West had been thinking, he should have known that his heart 2 would have that effect. He should have played either his 7 or 6, preferably the former. East then would have led a spade which was harmless, and North would have had to lose a club trick later.

Tomorrow Problem
S 8 7 5 4
H J 5 4
D K 8
C K J 10 2

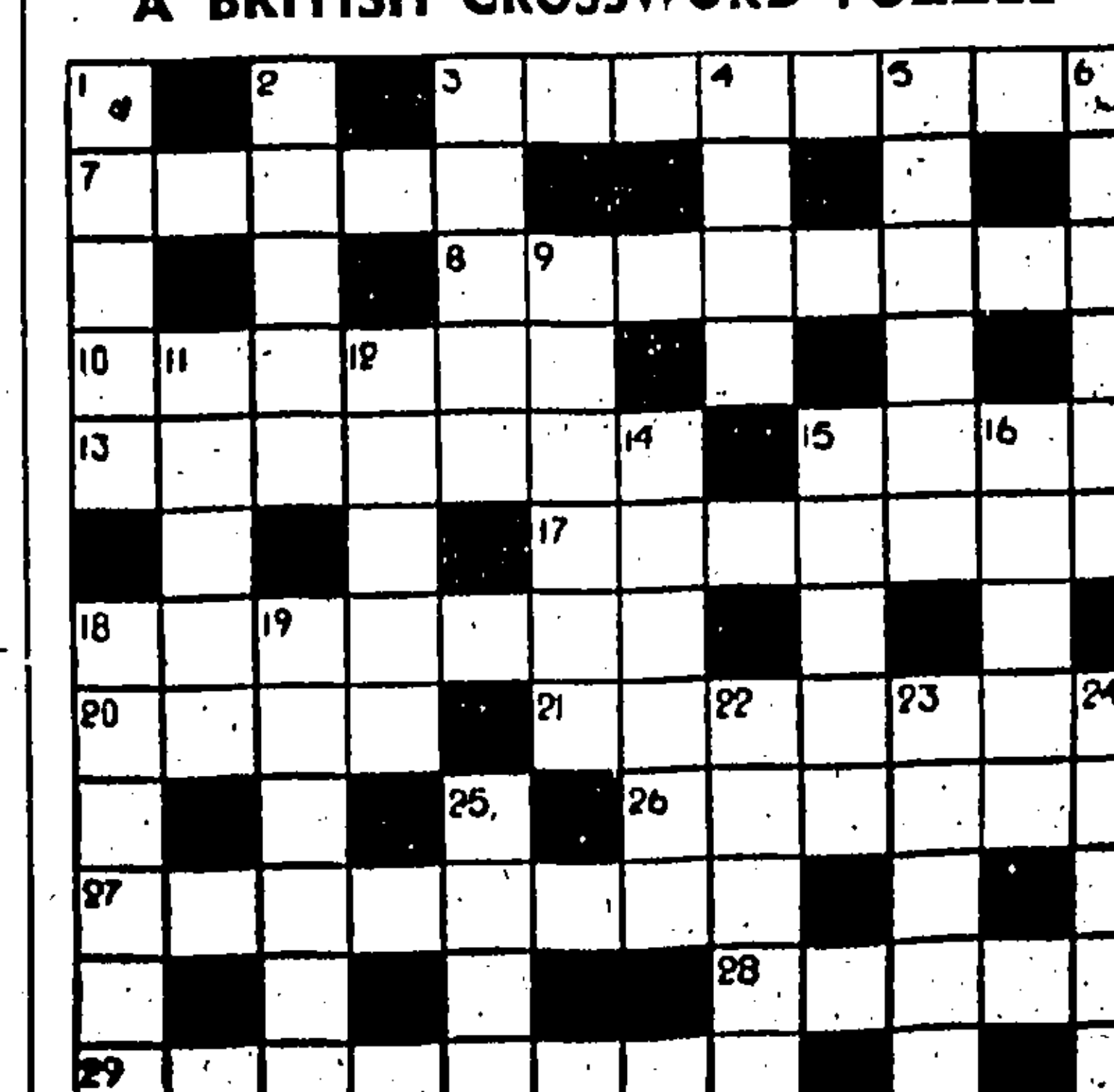
S J 9 6
H 10 7 6 3
D A 7 5 4
C 2
S K Q 2
H A Q 8
D 8 3
C A 8 7 6

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)

East made the natural lead of the heart K against that contract and West made what he considered the natural play of the 2. He did not pause to consider how that would look to his partner, who was a fine player and expert card-reader. From his post, seeing the singleton heart in the dummy and knowing everybody

When East leads the diamond Q against North's No Trump game, what card should West play?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
3 Fragrant plant.
7 Beverage.
10 Death.
13 Pass by.
15 Regret.
16 Garment.
17 Sailor.

18 Excess of habits.
20 Dash.
21 Colouring.
26 Was old man.
27 Alienate.
28 Moistens.
29 Trend.

Down
1 Suffered prolonged pain.
2 Fight.
3 Hope.
4 Goes wrong.
5 Cleric.
6 Jacked.
9 Reclus.
11 Flat.

12 Unadorned.
14 Consuming.
15 Features.
16 Jollification.
18 Fault.
19 Secure.
22 Neccessitous.
23 Details.
24 Coarse.
25 Wan.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—1 System, 5 Madam, 8 Demon, 9 Guitar, 10 Niche, 11 Minim, 12 Brag, 13 Turns, 16 Deceit, 18 Lander, 20 Stems, 22 Fine, 23 Ethic, 24 Opera, 26 Curlew, 27 Great, 28 Greed, 29 Nectar.

DOWN—1 Suggests, 2 Suitable, 3 Edam, 4 Merited, 5 Monty, 6 Animals, 7 Ashen, 14 Restrict, 15 Stringer, 16 Nastard, 17 Pelican, 19 Emorro, 21 Taper, 24 Cuts.

ETHIOPIAN PLEA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Lake Success, April 11.

Ethiopia, victim of Italian aggression in 1934, today appealed to the United Nations to save her from another Italian "pincer" in Eritrea and Somaliland, which would place her once more in the "jaws of a lion."

Mr. Ato Akililu, the Ethiopian representative, told the Political Committee, which is debating the fate of the former Italian colonies, that Italy showed a "lamentable record of occupation in Eritrea."

He was replying to the earlier speech of Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister. Mr. Akililu said the four-power Commission report showed clearly that over 90 per cent of the population of Eritrea is opposed to a return of the Italians.

He added that he was particularly shocked to see as a member of the Italian delegation a former Fascist Governor of Ethiopia, who had stood by while men and women were slaughtered.

"That man was on the war criminals list of the London Commission," he added. "His presence on the delegation is shocking." (Mr. Akililu was referring to Signor Enrico Cerulli, former Governor of Ethiopia).

Earlier, Dr. Jose Arce, of the Argentine, proposed that Italy should be given trusteeship over Libya, Somaliland and the Northern part of Eritrea, and Ethiopia be given the Southern part of Eritrea.

Mr. H. T. Andrews, of South Africa, proposed that Britain should be given trusteeship over Eritrea, France trusteeship over the Fezzan, and Ethiopia an outlet to the sea through Eritrea, but that wherever practicable the

rest of the Italian colonies should be returned to Italy under a United Nations trusteeship.

Joint responsibility had not proved a success where tried, as shown in Germany, and he doubted whether the Trusteeship Council would have the authority and the financial means for an international trusteeship.

The United Government could not support the Italian claims to the whole of Libya, however. A large section of the Arab population in Cyrenaica might even resist an Italian administration by force of arms.

South Africa recognised the validity of the British wartime pledge to the Semitic tribesmen that they would not again be placed under Italian rule.

Count Sforza said that he has already prepared a corps of capable administrators, ready to step in if Italy is given any share in governing her former African colonies.

Speaking as head of the Italian delegation, Count Sforza proposed that Italy be given United Nations trusteeship administration over Somaliland, Tripolitania and Eritrea.

Libya Pivot
He did not mention Cyrenaica, but said that Italy favours a solution for the whole of Libya. It would be unfair, he said, to take a final decision for one part of Libya, postponing a decision for another part.

He said: "Libya must be the pivot of co-operation with the Arab world."

Referring to proposals that Ethiopia be given a part of Eritrea, Count Sforza declared that the annexation of any part of it would jeopardise the great advantages which have come to the territory through the Italian community.

He urged the Political Committee to reconsider the question of the former Italian colonies as part of the problem of the awakening of the peoples of Asia and Africa.

"It is against this problem that you will wish to examine this question," he said, adding that the British and American plans for the economic development of Africa could never be carried out without knowledge, skill and labour.

Of these three, he said, Italy was prepared to contribute her share.—Reuter.

First Jet Air Liners

Coventry, April 11.
Britain's new medium jet air liner, the Armstrong-Whitworth Apollo, has made its first test flight. Powered by four gas turbine engines giving the equivalent of 1,140 horse-power, the plane was in the air half an hour.

Capable of seating between 24 and 31 passengers, the Apollo is Britain's second air liner with a propeller driving jet engines. The other is the Vickers-Armstrong Viscount which made its test flight last July.

These are the first two commercial aircraft of this type in the world.—Reuter.

FAMINE THREAT TO WORLD

London, April 12.
A leading British scientist said yesterday that a daily population jump of 57,000 is threatening the world with famine.

Dr. Julian Huxley, former Director-General of the United Nations Economic and Social Organisation, said that a world conference on the problem should be held immediately.

Dr. Huxley told the United Kingdom Commission, which supports the same objectives as UNESCO.

"In the long run, if something does not happen to the population increase, it will catch up on food production and then the human race will be in a very bad way indeed."

Russians refused to join UNESCO, Dr. Huxley said, has divided world science into two parts.

He described that as a matter of grave concern not only for scientists but for the world as a whole.—Associated Press.

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TITO SAYS:

'YUGOSLAVIA TAKES ORDERS FROM NOBODY'

Belgrade, April 11.

Marshal Tito told Russia and the Western powers today that Yugoslavia will run its own affairs and take orders from nobody.

"Our unity is unshatterable," said Premier Tito at the close of the three-day meeting of his People's Front Party.

"No difficulties can be so tremendous that we cannot overcome them. This Congress has presented a clear picture of our power and has shown us how we should work, what we must not do. We do not have to listen to anyone except the very voice of our people. Do not fear war, because the people will not fight."

Marshal Tito was interrupted nine times during his 10-minute speech by tremendous cheers from the 1,640 delegates to the Party Congress. Before he spoke, the Congress, in one of a series of resolutions, made a bid for reconciliation with Russia and other Communist Bureau of Information countries, but it was emphasised that any friendship must be on the basis of full equality.

West Attacked
Other resolutions impartially attacked the Cominform for its campaign against Tito, and the Western countries for "war mongering."

Marshal Tito told his listeners not to worry because the Com-

inform countries, as part of their boycott, had failed to deliver promised goods. Referring to Yugoslavia's rich supplies of metals and timber, he said: "Do not worry, comrades, because we have such pretty things to sell."

"The delegates cheered frenziedly then and cheered again when Tito said: 'Do not worry lest we be involved in a crisis. Yes, we have a crisis, but it is only that we lack sufficient labour to do all the things we are trying to do.'—United Press.

NEW MEAT PACT
Buenos Aires, April 11.
Authoritative quarters said here today that the British reply to the Argentine note of March 31 on the meat question has in effect established a working agreement which bridges the meat shipments gap between the end of the April Agreement of March 31 and a new meat pact now being negotiated.

They said all threats of a suspension of meat shipments to Britain during the current trade talks have been removed.—Reuter.

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BRITAIN TO START ALL-OUT EXPORT DRIVE TO AMERICA

London, April 11.

Britain aims at exporting £180,000,000 worth of goods to Canada and the United States in the calendar year 1950, Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, announced today.

The specific export objectives for individual commodities will be fixed, he added.

"In setting forth an export target of £180,000,000 as against £136,000,000 last year, the Government recognises that North America is the most difficult market in the world," he told Parliament during the debate on the Budget.

"In it we face three competitors from United States and Canadian industries and a large number of buyers who are in a position to pick and choose. The only factors which count in that market are price, quality and service."

Britain's present exports to North America, he said, amount to only £1 per head of the population, whereas in Australia they amount to nearly £10.

"Therefore, we have to go out and sell with vigour, aggressiveness and emphasis."

"The task of selling British goods in America is one of the greatest challenges in history to the merchant-adventuring spirit of our nation."

Detailing the help which the Government intends to give to exporters to the North American market, Mr. Wilson said that where necessary "open favouritism" will be given to exporters to Canada and the United States in their production difficulties.

Government departments have been instructed to ensure that resources are made available for a smooth and increased flow of production for the Canadian and United States markets.

Untapped Market

"We shall aim to provide the best possible Government service to exporters. It has already been decided to divide the United States into four regions, each covered by a superintending trade consul for our administrative purposes."

It will be necessary to provide special help for the special difficulties of the North American markets. This will take the form of additional assistance by the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

New Crisis In Greece

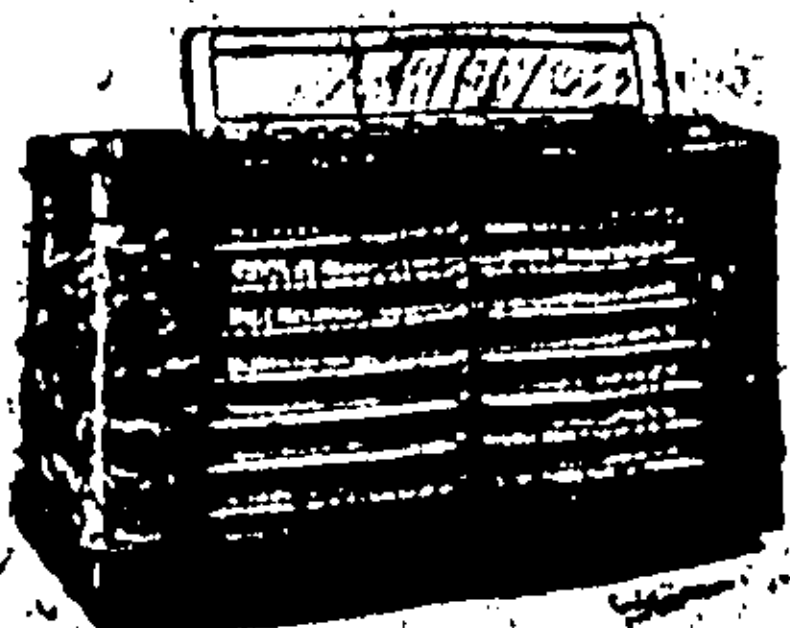
Athens, April 11.

A split in Greece's two-and-a-half months' old Coalition Government over allegations linking a Minister with foreign exchange smugglers tonight threatened the country with a first class political crisis in the midst of the civil war and the strike of civil servants.

The Minister is M. Spyros Markezinis, chain-smoking, chess-playing leader of the New Party, and a Minister without Portfolio. Members of his family have been in Parliament since the first Greek Parliament in 1843.

Following the allegations against him, the Deputy Premier, M. Alexander Diamandis, summoned him today and asked him to leave the Cabinet until his juridical position is cleared. The demand was backed by three party leaders in the Government, M. Panayotis Canellis, the Unionist War Minister, M. Sophocles Venizelos, leader of the dissident Liberals, and a Minister without Portfolio, and M. Constantin Tsaldaris, the Populist Foreign Minister.

M. Markezinis is reported to have rejected the demand.—Reuter.



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BRITAIN'S NEW RECORD IN EXPORTS

London, April 11. During the House of Commons debate on the Budget today, Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, announced that Britain had achieved a new record in exports for March. They were provisionally put at £219 million, £700,000 above the previous record in January, and were likely to be 162 per cent or 163 per cent of the 1938 volume.

March, however, was a long working month and the daily rate of exports was about three per cent less than in January but one per cent above February, he said.

Imports, he added, were also the highest ever in March. The gap on visible trade account was wider than in January and February. Mr. Wilson did not give these figures or the import figure.—Reuter.



MR. HAROLD WILSON

that resources are made available for a smooth and increasing flow of production for the Canadian and United States markets, means in appropriate cases outright discrimination between firm and firm.

EMPIRE TALKS IN LONDON

London, April 11.

Dominion leaders will arrive in London next week for the vital Prime Ministers' Conference which is to consider India's views on future Commonwealth Association.

They will hold a week's discussions on this constitutional issue under the chairmanship of Mr. Clement Attlee at his official residence, No. 10, Downing Street. The Dominion statesmen are the Prime Ministers of Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and South Africa, and the Canadian Minister of External Affairs. All the Prime Ministers except Pandit Nehru of India will arrive in London by air on April 12, when Mr. Lester Pearson, Canada's representative, is also due.

Pandit Nehru's plane is due to arrive on the night of April 20. The Commonwealth statesmen will stay at leading London West End hotels as they did on their previous visit last October.

Pandit Nehru and the Pakistani Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, will again make their headquarters at Claridge's Hotel. Mr. Don Stephen Senanayake, Ceylon's Prime Minister, is expected to stay at the Hyde Park Hotel.

The Pakistani and South African Prime Ministers are bringing their wives with them.—Reuter.

Sales Promotion

Dollars will be provided for sales promotion. "No exporter need hesitate to ask the Exchange Control for reasonable allocations of Dollars where this can be shown to be legitimately needed for effective and businesslike promotion of our exports to Canada and the United States for such purposes as market research, advertising, establishment of agencies and selling and service organisations."

Although the present volume of imports from Canada is immense, she is Britain's largest single source of supply. There are many commodities which Britain will wish to buy and which Canada will wish to supply, but there is no easy, quick or ready solution to this problem.

"We have got to work out in co-operation with our Canadian friends many methods of approach. The method most ready to hand is to strive with all our might to expand our direct exports to her."—Reuter.

RED ATTACK ON CHURCHILL

London, April 11.

A Communist Member of Parliament was declared out of order in the House of Commons today for insinuating that Mr. Winston Churchill had made mischievous and irresponsible statements in the United States.

"Withdraw," both benches in the Commons called out to the Communist, Philip Pirbright, after he had made the charges in a question addressed to the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee.—United Press.

AIRLIFT RECORD

Berlin, April 11.

A record number of 907 planes, of which 650 were American and 257 British, flew into Berlin today with "blockade" supplies. The load in metric tons was 6,940, which is considerably lower than the best weight up to now.

The last record by number was on March 30, when 905 planes flew in with 5,908 metric tons. The weight record is 7,201 metric tons, carried on February 26.—Reuter.

Vitriolic Attack On Aid To Europe

Washington, April 11.

Republican Representative John Taber today asked for a slash in Marshall aid spending to prevent the United States from promoting Socialism in Europe.

Mr. Taber, a member of the Appropriations Committee, gave his views in a speech in the debate on the £5,380,000,000 foreign aid bill.

Over-spending in Europe, Mr. Taber said, is permitting Western Europe and Britain to socialise industry and keep it busy on "projects which are utterly ridiculous and foolish, like building stations on French railroads and digging up streets in Belgian cities."

"If these people would go to work with all the money that has been given them and all the food that has been given them, they could have already developed an arm production programme which would supply Britain, France and Italy with everything they need to protect themselves from their Communist neighbours."

Mr. Taber said Socialism would bring dictators, and reactions against these dictators would drive Europe straight to Communism.

"A Rocket"

"We should adopt amendments here reducing the amount of these authorisations to something approaching the need. They need no money for the rest of this fiscal year. They do not need \$4,000,000,000 for the next fiscal year."

Mr. Taber said he would support "reasonable foreign aid, but I cannot support a proposition that is based upon a racket and raid upon the American people."

Republican Representative C. Hoffman announced that he would vote against the pending bill and proposals for arms aid to Western Europe because the money, with the Atlantic Pact, "will almost certainly involve us in war."—United Press.

WALL COLLAPSES

Paris, April 11.

Three workmen were believed killed today when a foundation wall collapsed as a lorry passed a building site in Tours, Western France.

Four men were buried under tons of earth. One was brought out dead and one badly injured, and there is little hope of getting the remaining two out alive.—Reuter.

LABOUR TO HOLD INQUEST

London, April 11.

The Labour Party today decided to hold an "inquest" on April 27 to determine why it suffered a major defeat at the hands of Winston Churchill's resurgent Conservative Party in last week's County elections.

Final figures from Conservative Party Headquarters on balloting in 62 counties in England and Wales showed a net gain of 341 Conservative seats and a Labour Party net loss of 293 seats.

Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, who said the result is a "warning we cannot ignore," will serve as "coroner". He is expected to propose a programme to repair Party machinery for next year's nationwide Parliamentary elections.

The Labour Party organ, "Daily Herald," said that to take a light view of the past week's reverses would be folly.

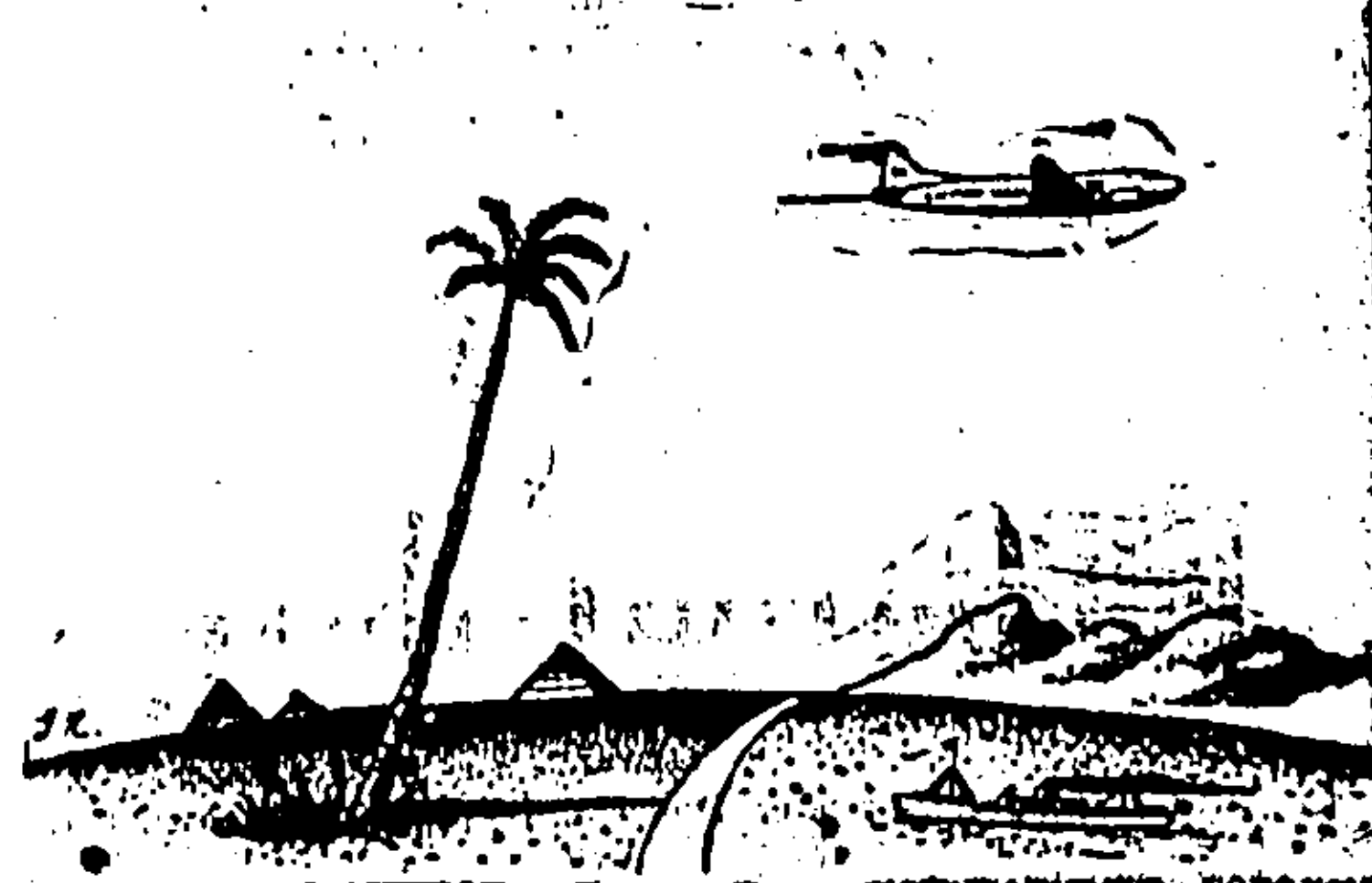
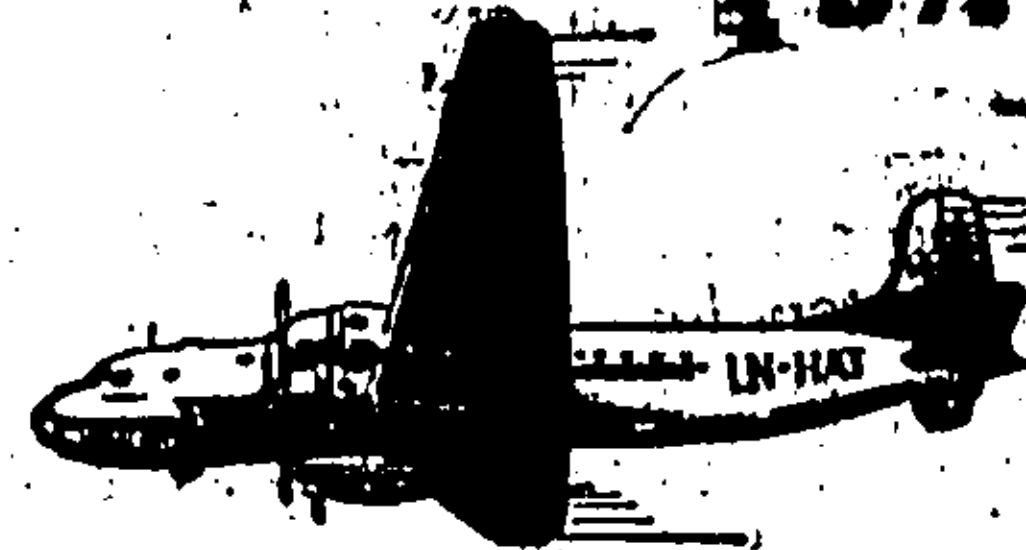
The "Herald" admitted that the Tory victory was due partly to the fact that the Conservatives had regarded these polls as a general election while Labour had campaigned purely on local issues.

The Tory press denied that Labour's austerity budget was responsible for the Socialist defeat and the "Daily Graphic" said that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, had only revealed the truth about Britain's economic conditions.—United Press.

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By IRIS ASHLEY

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Sausage and Egg Rolls

1 1/2 lb. shortcrust pastry, 1/2 lb. sausage meat, 3 hard boiled eggs, salt, cayenne.

Place the sausage meat into a small saucepan and heat over the fire until the meat changes its colour. Spread on a plate and allow to become quite cold. Make the pastry, roll out thinly and cut into squares. Take a small portion of the sausage meat and flatten out in slightly smaller squares than the pastry. Brush the pastry lightly with water and place on the squares of sausage meat. Cut the hard boiled eggs into slices and arrange three slices of egg in the centre of each square on top of the meat. Sprinkle lightly with salt and cayenne. Fold the pastry over to form an envelope shape. Brush with yolk of egg or milk. Place on a flat tray and bake in a hot oven, temp. 425 deg. F. gas, 475 deg. F. electric, 15 to 20 minutes. Serve hot with brown gravy or cold with packed lunches or for picnics.

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6 hard boiled eggs, 1/2 pint white sauce, 1 tablespoon gelatine, 3 tablespoons cold water, 2 tablespoons finely minced ham, pink colouring, chilli, gherkin, lettuce leaves.

Shell the hard boiled eggs and cut into halves lengthwise. Remove the yolks, rub through a strainer and mix with the finely chopped ham. Season to taste. Place back into the whites and join together. Make the white sauce. Soften the gelatine for a

few minutes in the cold water then stir into the hot sauce. Stir until the gelatine has dissolved. Strain. Cool slightly, dip the eggs in and place on a flat dish. Chill until the sauce has set. Serve, arranged on a bed of lettuce, garnished with strips of chilli and gherkin. A few drops of colouring may be added to the sauce to make it pink before coating the eggs.

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Screen Fashions

By HETTIE GRIMSTEAD

When David Farrar arrived at Britain's Danham Studios one morning recently, he was extremely surprised to meet Lana Morris wearing a dress of the same material as his tie.

But this soft tie silk has become extremely popular with film designers, for it drapes becomingly and reflects the light well.

Blonde Susan Shaw has a new evening gown of tiny-checked black and white tie silk trimmed with a line of black silk braid round the skirt and at the waistline. Joan Kent puts on, a tailored blouse of striped orange and brown tie silk with a corduroy skirt. With the left-over silk, she had a tie specially made for her husband Joseph Ramart so that he could wear it at the same time "to match."

Pearls, which photograph better than any other jewels are always a popular screen fashion so the designers have to keep devising attractive new ways to wear them. A dinner gown of black velvet covered with layers of not made for "Moulin Rouge" in "Another Shore" has cascades of tiny pearls on the long tight-fitting sleeves and around the wide belt.

Mandarin Cap

Anna Neagle takes a long double string of pearls and twists them round her forearm from wrist to elbow. Margaret Lockwood has a round mandarin cap of black velvet decorated with pearl embroidery. She also chose loosely-looped strands of pearls to be sewn under the edge of the bodice, falling to the slim-fitting waistline, on one magnificent evening gown. The wide skirt, selected, was of rich ruby red satin while the upper part of the bodice was snow-drop white silk.

Valerie Hobson, who designs all her own private clothes, has made a new white crepe afternoon blouse, high-necked and with wide bishop sleeves. To wear with it she has a selection of smart clip-on collars suitable for every occasion. There is a white one embroidered in coloured sequins, a long-pointed style with a black satin bow tie, a demure back-fastening clerical one.

Judy Campbell has had a new hat specially designed for her performance of Clementine Walkinshaw in "Bonnie Prince Charlie." It is a side-titled Scots bonnet in the authentic Campbell plaid, finished with a saucy feather, and was created by Lady Newborough, who runs her own exclusive millinery salon in New Bond Street, London.

Youthful Starlet

For the first time in her screen career, Zena Marshall is acting with her own husband, band-leader Paul Adams of the British Broadcasting Corporation's dance programmes (also known for his cinema music). They are in a new comedy "By Request" and Paul plays the part of a band-leader.

Zena is one of the youthful starlets to follow the vogue for lace headwear after dark. Another is 18-year-old Diana Dors who arrived at a party with a lovely old lace square draped round her golden hair. Complimented, she revealed that it was her own christening veil which she had discovered packed away in lavender in an attic! Anne Crawford made herself a new evening tunic out of her grandmother's black velvet cape which was elaborately decorated with bugles. The elegant jet embroidered looks as fashionable today as it did when it was first handkerchiefed 60 years ago.

When Ann Todd attended a cocktail party recently, many



Zena Marshall, a J. Arthur Rank star, shows how attractively a lace scarf can be worn for evening wear.

people admired the unusual raised decorations on her brown velvet gloves and the little round handbag which matched them. Actually this was a pattern of tiny coloured sea shells which Ann had gathered on the shore when she and her musician husband Nigel Tangye were staying at their seaside cottage in Cornwall.

UK Women's Work For Export

About 18 months ago a scheme was inaugurated by the Women's Voluntary Services which enabled Britain's women to sell their best needlework to the United States and Canada. A company was formed for the purpose of handling the needlework, called Women's Home Industries, Ltd.

The scheme is meeting with great success and a great many beautiful articles are being made which are ordered by leading United States stores and private citizens. A typical assortment seen at the W.V.S. headquarters, Tottenham Street, London, showed the high standard which had been attained. One of the most fascinating articles was a "kettle-holder" rug.

Six feet long, it was so called because a number of members had each contributed a square about the size of a kettle-holder. Each square had been worked in a special-point stitch and depicted a bird or an animal on a bright ground, an English garden or an old fashioned cottage. In the centre was an immense bright bouquet of English flowers; the border was of deep blue. There is a great demand for this special-point work in many forms and even fascinating spectacle cases are made of it.

Some lovely quilting was also on view and the various specimens were typical of the particular quilting stitch which varies according to locality. An immense bed quilt of blue satin lined with white had just been sent by the wives of Durham miners. Among knitted articles were the best that Scotswomen could produce; one sweater had been knitted as though it was a woven material. Smoking shawls, to best advantage on children's dresses, and many little girls across the Atlantic are now wearing charming-smocked dresses made in English homes.

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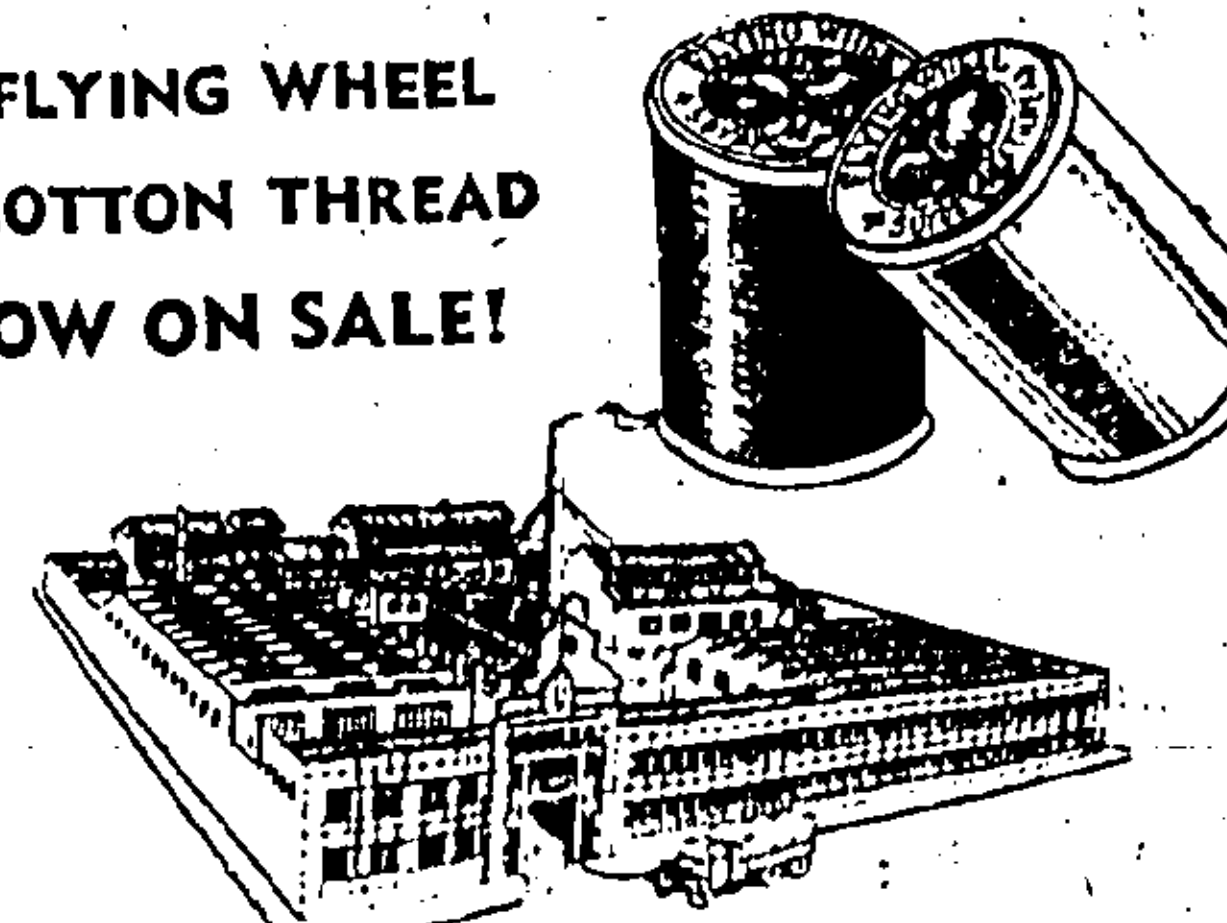
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GERMAN DIPLOMATS FOUND GUILTY OF PLANNING FOR WAR

Nuremberg, April 11.
An American War Crimes Court today found five top Nazi diplomats guilty of planning Hitler's aggressive wars.
The "Wilhelmstrasse" trial of 21 former German officials and advisers neared its end when the Judge, Mr. William Christianson, of Minnesota, began reading the 832-page judgment early today.
The verdict, the longest in the 12 Nuremberg war crimes trials, will be read in relays by the three judges in four full Court days.

The tribunal said that silver-haired Ernst von Weizsaecker, former Secretary of State of the German Foreign Office, was guilty of planning the invasion of Czechoslovakia, but that he explicitly warned Britain of Hitler's impending attack on Poland.

The others, found guilty of planning aggressive war, were: Wilhelm Keppler, Hitler's special economic adviser, Ernst Weermann, former chief of the Political Division of the German Foreign Office, Paul Koerner, Goering's permanent deputy for the four-year plan, and Hans Lammers, former chief of the Reich Chancellery.

The court ruled that none of the 17 former Nazi diplomats accused of waging aggressive war had acted under coercion or duress. Any of them who had opposed war schemes had said as little as he could, and in words as soft and innocuous as he could find.

Only 17 of the defendants were in court today. The other four are ill in hospital.

The tribunal acquitted all 17 who appeared today on charges of evolving a plan or conspiracy to commit crimes against the

peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity. It found that Weizsaecker, as an implementer and not as an originator, had done everything in his power to warn Britain of the impending invasion of Poland.

Murder Of R.A.F. Officers

The court found four top Nazis guilty of war crimes involving the murder of 50 Royal Air Force officers who escaped from a Stalagluft and the lynching of other Allied flyers. The judgment dealt at length with attempts by two of the guilty Nazis, Gustav Steengracht von Moyland, former German Foreign Office State Secretary, and Karl Ritter, liaison officer between the Foreign Office and the Wehrmacht, to cover up the RAF murders by sending false diplomatic notes to the British Government.

The tribunal found that the "false reports which Ritter helped to draft and which Steengracht transmitted, stupid and inept as they were, were intended to deceive both the protecting power (Switzerland) and Great Britain, and at least to give a colour of legality to what was beyond the pale of international law."

The other two Nazis found guilty on this war crimes charge were Hans Lammers, chief of the Reich Chancellery, and Gottlob Berger, one-time SS Lieutenant Colonel and chief of the SS Headquarters.

The Tribunal found that Ritter was instrumental in fabricating a note to be relayed to the British Government, stating that certain "death zones" had been established for testing secret weapons, in which escaping prisoners stood in danger of being shot as spies.

False Report

While this notice was designed to deter further escapes, the tribunal also interpreted its actual meaning as a camouflage to conceal the murder of other escaping prisoners.

Ritter was also implicated in drafting a note to Britain which reported that the 50 Royal Air Force officers had been shot while resisting capture, though he knew that the police teletype reports on which this information was based were false.

The judgment said that, as a result of conversations between Weizsaecker and Sir Neville Henderson, then British Ambassador in Berlin, it was open to Britain either to endeavour to block the execution of any pact between Germany and Russia or, if this were impracticable, otherwise to prepare for the event.

"It is significant that Weizsaecker plainly warned the British of the danger of war and of Hitler's attitude before the Soviet-German Pact was signed (August 23, 1939), and informed Sir Neville Henderson that he believed that the Soviet Union would even in the end join in sharing the Polish spoils."

The judgment said Keppler played an important part in the invasion of Austria and acted as a willing participant in negotiating the fall of Czechoslovakia.

Faked Incidents

Weermann provided the border incidents, intended to place on Poland the responsibility for the outbreak of war, but the tribunal exonerated him from blame in the attacks on Russia, the Low Countries and nine other nations.

Lammers was said beyond doubt to have been a criminal participant in the German plans for aggression against seven European countries.

As Goering's deputy, Paul Koerner must have been aware of the aggressive nature of the plans under consideration, the tribunal thought, because the real aim of the four-year plan was to prepare Germany for war.

The court found Gottlob guilty of having actively helped to plan the murder of General Mesny, of the French Army, as a reprisal for the killing of a German general by the French Maquis. General Mesny was killed by SS men dressed as ordinary soldiers while being moved from one camp to another, but was officially reported as having been killed while attempting to escape. Lammers was also found guilty of helping to carry out a secret order to protect German civilians who murdered Allied airmen.—Reuter.

'Invader' In The Clyde

Glasgow, April 11.
The 7,000-ton Lemasterkerk, the first of five Dutch ships "invading" Britain in an attempt to snatch freight in the India rate-slashing "war," arrived in the Clyde today.

She was two days late owing to stress of weather on the way from Oslo. She anchored off Greenock and did not take on any cargo, nor did she unload any.

She was supposed to be picking up merchandise consigned to India, Pakistan and Ceylon. Tomorrow she sails South for Liverpool.—Reuter.

KRAVCHENKO CASE APPEAL

Paris, April 11.

An appeal against the judgments in the libel case brought by Victor Kravchenko, Russian-born author of the anti-Soviet best-seller "I Chose Freedom," against the French Communist weekly, "Les Lettres Francaises," was lodged by a Paris lawyer, Maitre Marcel Jarry, today.

Maitre Jarry was acting on behalf of M. Claude Morgan, manager of "Les Lettres Francaises." Mr. Andre Wurmser, writer of an article in the weekly which Kravchenko complained of, and the paper itself.

M. Morgan and M. Wurmser were each fined 5,000 francs and Kravchenko was awarded damages of 50,000 francs on each of three complaints by Judge Henri Durkheim on April 4. Maitre Jarry appealed against all three judgments.—Reuter.

UN HAS RIGHT TO PROTECT AGENTS

The Hague, April 12.

The International Court of Justice yesterday recognised the right of the United Nations to protect its agents in the performance of their duties.

An opinion had been requested by the UN Assembly in the light of attacks on UN agents, following the assassination in Palestine of the UN mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte.

The Court decided by a 11 to four vote that the UN has the right to claim reparations for damages to itself or on behalf of a UN agent.

However, the Court also held, by a 10 to five vote, that the UN in claiming reparations from a state, may do so only by claiming that reparations are due because of a breach of contract.

The dissenting votes in the first, and principal, decision were cast by judges from the United States, the Soviet Union, Poland and Egypt.

The effect of the opinion is

COCHIN CHINA POLLS: TREND FAVOURS UNION

Saigon, April 12.
Early returns from Cochin China's Consultative Assembly elections favour Vietnamese candidates who support union with Annam and Tonkin under former Emperor Bao Dai, according to reports reaching here yesterday.

Cochin China is the area at the Southern tip of Indochina and has been administered directly as a French colony.

The French Government recently approved the establishment of a Cochin China Assembly, and decided to permit the union with other Indo-Chinese areas if the inhabitants wish it.

Bao Dai, with France's blessing, is expected to resume his throne in Annam and Tonkin soon.

The electors are to name members of two branches of the Consultative group—one for French residents and the other for Vietnamese. First reports showed a high percentage of abstentions among qualified Vietnamese voters. French authorities put this down to either indifference or fear of reprisals.

The Viet Minh radio previously had carried threats against any Vietnamese who participated in the vote. In one Saigon section of 4,800 registered Vietnamese, only 589 cast ballots.

The Cochin China election results are not expected to affect the rebellion which Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh has been waging against the French for the past two years.

Ho Chi-minh's secret radio already has branded Bao Dai a "traitor" and a "war criminal."

subject to execution if ever captured by the rebels.

French Military authorities announced that land, air and naval forces had inflicted heavy losses on Viet Minh rebels recently near Longkhan, some 12 miles East of Saigon.

The forces raided a series of rebel supply depots and destroyed guns, ammunition and petrol, the French said. They said the Navy captured more than 200 small Viet Minh vessels.—Associated Press.

AUSSIE LABOUR DISPUTE

Melbourne, April 11.

Forty thousand coal and industrial workers in New South Wales are estimated to have struck work in protest against the imprisonment of a trade union official for contempt of court.

Reports suggest, however, that the country-wide wave of labour hold-ups, inspired by the sentence, may be subsiding, despite renewed calls for strike action.

Stoppages have already cost the country thousands of man-hours, and more than 37,000 tons of coal have been lost in New South Wales pits.

Melbourne seamen, dockers and iron-workers are due to walk out tomorrow but Sydney iron-workers have agreed to return to work. Victoria railwaymen have also agreed to stay at work.

The dispute is over the one-month imprisonment of a union official, Leslie John McPhillips, Assistant Secretary of the Federated Iron-Workers' Association—and has been freely described in the press here as a struggle between Communists and moderates for control of key unions.

The "Melbourne Argus" said today that Communist efforts to make the case a major industrial issue have not only failed but have reacted so strongly in some unions that resignation of officials has already been demanded.

The strikes have not been sanctioned by the Council of Trade Unions.—Reuter.

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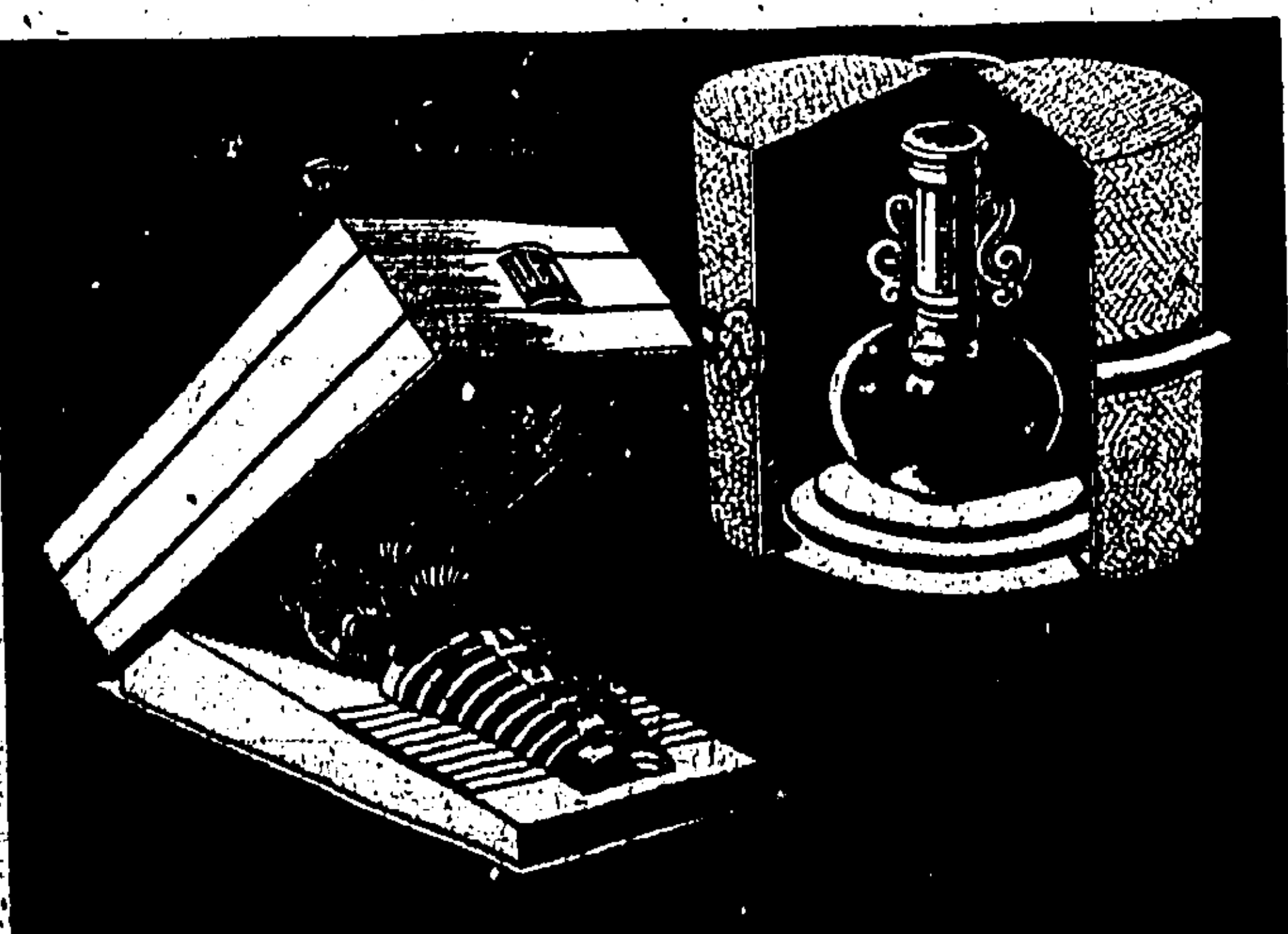
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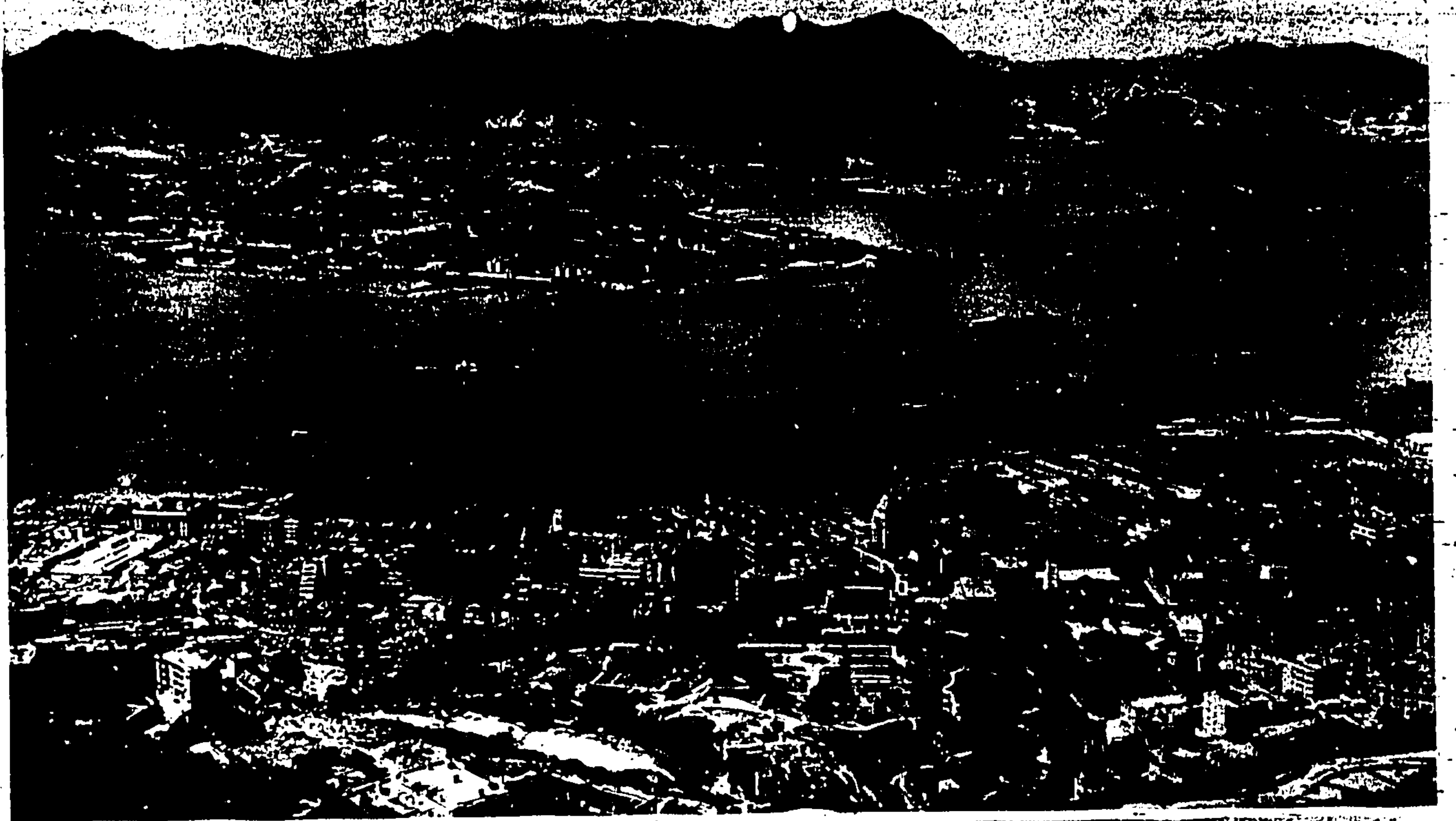


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The capital of the 107-year-old Colony of Hong Kong is Victoria—the most built-up area on the Island. In this area, an aerial view of which is shown here, are all the banks, commercial firms, newspapers, shipping companies, and some of the best residential districts. In the background is Kowloon—the Mainland. ("China Mail" photo)

One of the two biggest fishing villages on the Island of Hong Kong is at Aberdeen which possesses an excellent sheltered harbour for shallow craft. Here is an aerial view of Aberdeen which the Chinese residents usually call "Little Hong Kong." ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. Victoriano de la Torre (sitting), Consul for Argentina at Hong Kong, and the Consulate Secretary, Mr. A. J. da Souza. ("China Mail" photo)



Winners and runners-up of the Colony's Ladies Doubles Badminton Championship decided at the Kowloon Cricket Club last week. Left to right: Margaret Xavier, Mylthie da Silva, Jean Stokes and Adi Tamworth. ("China Mail" photo)



Dr. D. J. Sloss, CBE, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, retired last week. At a farewell party he was presented with a cigar box by Mr. T. T. Chiu, President of the Hong Kong University Students Union. (Ming Yuen Studio)



The 1948-49 Ladies Softball Champion team—the Wabocs—displaying the trophy and pennant which they won. (Ming Yuen Studio)



Left to right: Carew, Mrs. Margretts, Mr. R. A. Shaw, Sir R. Calder Marshall, Mrs. Duff, Mr. Margretts, Mr. Teng who visited the Yung Hwa St. recently.

Hong Kong's fresh water fish supply is dependent on China where man-made ponds are used for breeding purposes. This is the Colony's fresh fish market where fish, brought to the Colony in launches, are displayed shortly after arrival here. ("China Mail" photo)

Mr. M. T. Yee, Hong Kong University, won the Junior Men's Badminton Championship. ("China Mail" photo)



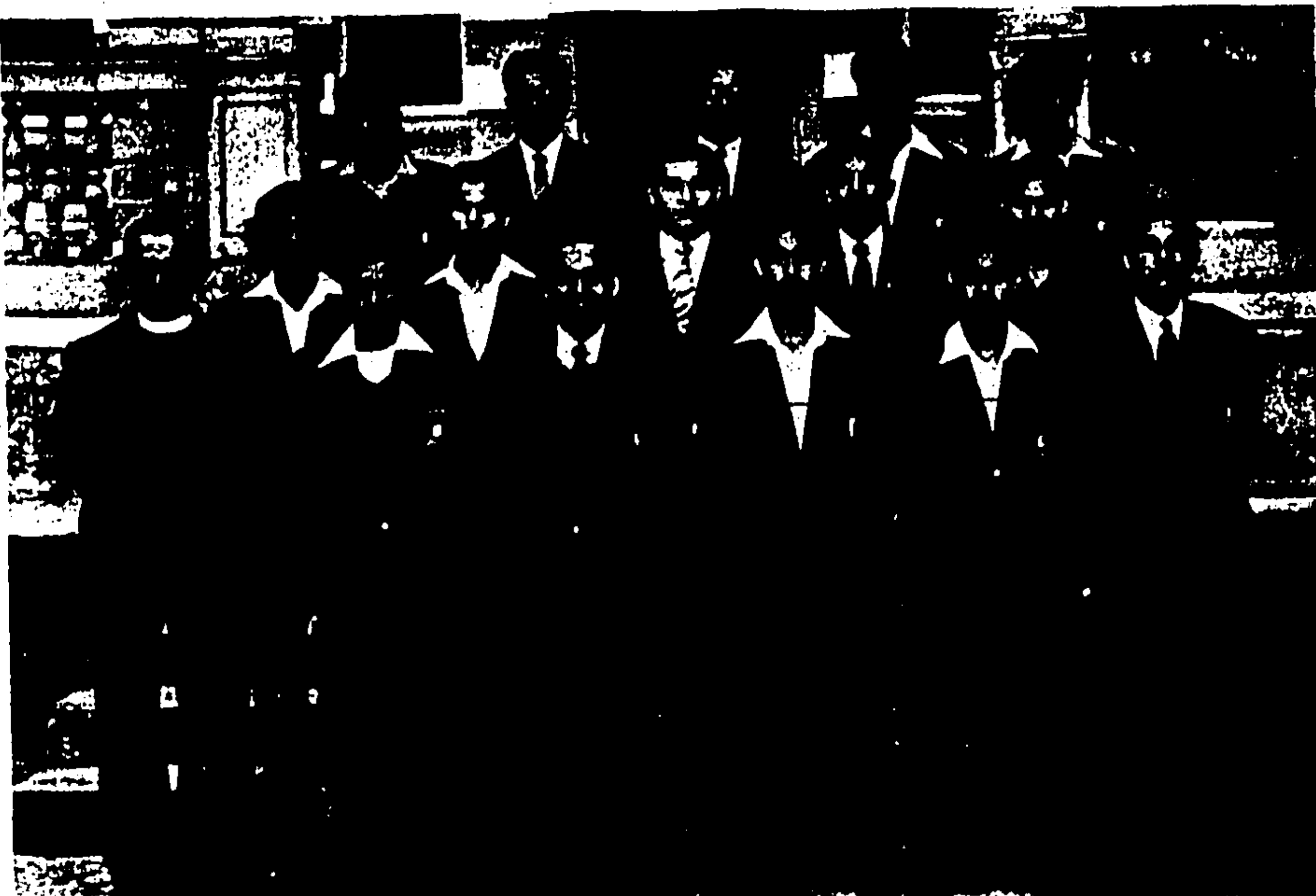
For the first time in the Colony's history a school football team left last week for Manila to play the first interport game of its kind. The team, the Combined Hong Kong Christian Brothers Schools Soccer XI, is shown here with the Reverend Brother Cronan. ("China Mail" photo)



Hong Kong's Chinese community celebrated the traditional Ching Ming Festival in the Colony last week. From early morning crowds flocked to the cemeteries to pay respects to their ancestors. Transport facilities were taxed considerably by the long queues. ("China Mail" photo)



For several hours from dawn on Ching Ming Day, long queues lined up at the bus terminus at the Vehicular Ferry Wharf to visit the Island's graveyards. At the cemeteries, the people burned joss sticks and set off fireworks in honour of their ancestors. ("China Mail" photo)



Three persons including an infant boy, lost their lives in the recent fire at Talkoktsui, Kowloon. The fire, which started in a wooden shack, burned furiously for four hours and enveloped nearby factories. ("China Mail" photo)



The staff of the Repulse Bay Hotel and the Lido held a joint welcome party last week in honour of Mr. J. H. Ehrlich on his appointment as Manager of the Repulse Bay Hotel and the Lido. (Sun Ying Ming Studio)



Students of the Hong Kong University with Dr. D. J. Bloor, CBE, Vice-Chancellor of the University, who will be leaving shortly for home. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



After their wedding at the Registrar's Office: Mr. and Mrs. Kwang Hung-chak. Mrs. Kwang is the former Miss Chu Man-jin.



Mr. Edmund Y. M. Sun, President of the King's College Old Boys' Association, speaks to alumni at their recent meeting. ("Ming Yuen" photo)

Mr. and Mrs. Y. S. Tso with their respective families after the wedding at St. John's Cathedral last week. The bride is the former Miss Mary Yeung. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. and Mrs. Clifford P. Hayes, who were married at St. Margaret's Church recently. The bride is the former Miss D. E. Remedios. ("Kwong Ming" photo)



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Magistrate Denies Allegation

Mr. W. H. Latimer, Kowloon Magistrate, in evidence at an armed robbery case at the Sessions yesterday, denied that one of the accused had complained at the Lower Court hearing of being beaten up by the police.

The accused, Wong Fang, had alleged at the Sessions that he had been beaten up and had complained to the Magistrate.

Mr. Latimer, denying the allegation, said that if he had received a complaint he would have recorded it.

Convicted of taking part in an armed robbery at 20 Cross Street, second floor, on October 2 last year, Chan Sung-tung was sentenced to seven years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson.

Wong Fang, the second accused, was given three years' hard labour for having received stolen property, certain proceeds of the robbery.

Both accused, who were not legally represented, denied the allegations, declaring that they had been compelled by force to make certain statements by the police in the course of which they had been assaulted.

Wong, who admitted a number of previous convictions and who is at present serving a 34-month sentence for conspiracy to rob and possession of arms, will begin his new sentence at the expiry of the previous term.

The second accused will serve his present sentence after he has served a 22-month sentence for conspiracy to rob and possession of arms on February 15.

The jury, which was composed of three men and four women, deliberated for more than an hour before they returned a unanimous verdict on the first accused and a verdict of six to one on the second.

BELFAST P.O. REMANDED

Clarence Brook, aged 31, Petty Officer of HMS Belfast, was remanded for one week by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday on a charge of perjury.

Detective Sub-Inspector Saul conducted the case, and Mr. A.S.C. Conner appeared for the defence. It was alleged that on August 24 last, defendant being a witness sworn in a judicial proceeding—the Dockyard marine engine case—made a false statement.

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The third public meeting of the Reform Club of Hong Kong will be held at the Gripps, Hong Kong Hotel, tomorrow at 5.30 p.m.

Messrs. C. Loeby and Brooke A. Bernacchi will reply to the speeches of the Honourable Mr. D.F. Landale and the Honourable Mr. A. Morse dealing with the proposed Municipal Council plan and the need for constitutional reforms.

A brief summary by Mr. F.E. Skinner of the salient points of various schemes, alternative to Government's published plan for the reorganisation of the Municipal Council, received from Members of the Club and from the public will be given.

Following the summary those attending will be asked to submit their views as to the most efficient and equitable method of government for the Colony.

The Reform Club had previously announced its intention of submitting a plan for constitutional reform to Government.

While other organisations will undoubtedly do likewise, this is the first occasion upon which any organisation has invited members of the public to avail themselves of the services of an established body in presenting their views to Government. Opinions upon this subject are extremely diverse and a lively and interesting meeting is expected.

Watchman's Ordinance

An Ordinance to consolidate the law relating to the District Watch Force will have its First Reading in Legislative Council today.

One of the clauses of the Bill gives a District Watchman all the powers and privileges of a constable of the Police Force.

The Bill repeals the District Watch Force Ordinance of 1930 and includes a new constitution of the District Watch Force.

One clause provides for the application of the Ordinance to all persons who, at the commencement of the Ordinance, are serving in the District Watch Force. Clause 4 vests in the Secretary for Chinese Affairs the supreme direction and administration of the Force subject to the orders and control of the Governor.

Clauses 18 to 21, inclusive, deals with the discipline of the Force.

Offence To Give False Information

"It may be a criminal offence to give false information to a police officer, and the police will no doubt consider taking the necessary action in this case."

Mr. Blair Kerr said this at Kowloon yesterday when he sat as Coroner at an inquest into the death of an Indian male, Ibrahim, aged 60. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Deceased died at midnight on February 12 on the staircase of his house at Lai-chikok Road, third floor.

In returning the verdict Mr. Blair Kerr said:—"I find that death was due to laceration of the brain intracranial haemorrhage and shock resulting from fracture of the skull."

"There seems to be no doubt at all that he accidentally fell over the staircase. The only reason I hold this enquiry is in view of deceased's wife's statement to the police that someone had told her that she saw men running away from the scene at the time deceased was injured."

"She has now told me that this is untrue and that the unknown person who spoke to her, only said so jokingly and that the idea was to ensure that the police make full enquiries."

"I would point out that it may be a criminal offence to give false information to a police officer, and the police will no doubt consider taking action necessary in this case."

SEQUEL TO DISASTROUS FIRE

The disastrous fire at Tai Kok Tsui on April 7 had a sequel in Mr. Blair Kerr's Court at Kowloon yesterday when Leung Kam, aged 27, pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining a gold ring by false pretences and was sentenced to six weeks.

During the fire, Ng Kau reported to the police that he had lost a ring. The same day, Chow Luk found the ring at the scene of the fire and picked it up.

Defendant was present when the ring was picked up and claimed that it was his, at the same time thanking Chow. Defendant also gave \$3 to Chow as tea money. The ring which was worth \$13, was sold for \$31.

A total of HK\$27,500 was raised as a result of the Salvation Army's Flower Day last Saturday.

The amount is considered very high, it was stated yesterday. An announcement by the Salvation Army added that the officers were deeply impressed by the cheerful giving of the man-in-the-street.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

EASTER HOLIDAYS
On Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 15, 16 and 19, 1949, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon. The other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
There will be no delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from the pillar boxes during the holidays (except Sunday).
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

OUTWARD SURFACE MAIL TO UNITED KINGDOM

An outward surface mail to United Kingdom via Ports per R.M.S. "Canton" will be closed on Friday, April 15, 1949, as follows:-

GPO Hong Kong: (Parcel) 5 p.m. April 14, (Reg.) 9 a.m. April 15, (Ordinary) 5.30 a.m. April 15, CPO Kowloon: (Parcel) 5 p.m. April 14, (Reg.) 8.40 a.m. April 15, (Ordinary) 9 a.m. April 15.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about May 16, 1949.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

Closing Times by Air
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Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin; Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Tainan; Airmail for Foochow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 a.m.

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S.S. "CARTHAGE"	18th May	18th June
S.S. "CORFU"	28th May	28th July
S.S. "CANTON"	8th July	8th August
S.S. "CARTHAGE"	8th August	8th September
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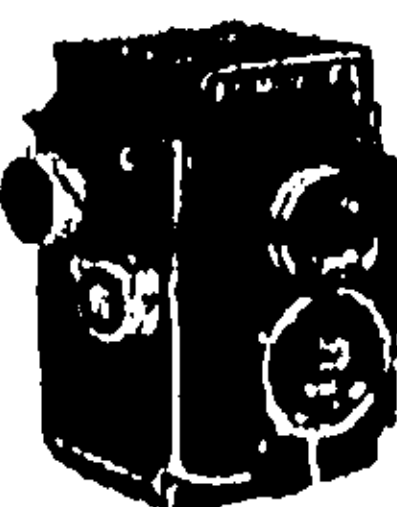
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(By "Mid On")

KCC Spring Tennis

In connection with the Spring Tennis Tournaments sponsored by the Kowloon Cricket Club the following matches have been arranged for play next week.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

Commencing at 3.00 p.m.:

Court No. 1: Miss P. Ward & R.S. Capell vs. Mr. J.P. Lawes & E. Kell.

Court No. 2: J. Toller vs. Captain Turner Cooke.

Court No. 3: E.C. Fincher & W.S. Cowley vs. Dr. H. Huang & P. Chan.

Court No. 4: Mrs. C. Groundwater & Mr. Joffe vs. Mrs. E. Lo Liffon & Mrs. L. Tams.

Commencing at 3.45 p.m.:

Court No. 1: Mr. & Mrs. T. Baker vs. Miss J. Broadbridge & H.S. Young.

Court No. 2: W. Gillies vs. C.G. March.

Court No. 3: H. Gabriel & W.A. Palmer vs. A.E.P. Guest & G.P. Guest.

Court No. 4: Mrs. A.V. White & Miss Lambert Baker vs. Mrs. M. Ribero & Miss P. Koles.

Commencing at 4.30 p.m.:

Court No. 1: E. Rindall & P. Guest vs. T. Baker & Dr. H. Huang.

Court No. 2: A.E.P. Guest vs. P. Guest.

Court No. 3: Mrs. E. Lo Liffon vs. Mrs. J. T. Lawes.

Court No. 4: Mrs. C.J. Smith vs. Mrs. M. Lablans & Mrs. van Housen.

Commencing at 5.30 p.m.:

Court No. 1: Dr. R.Y. Ng vs. C.R. Terman.

Court No. 2: P. Chen vs. A.V. White.

Court No. 3: A.W. Wood vs. J. Arzooni.

Court No. 4: R.H. Griffiths vs. H. Riddale.

Competitors may, if they like, arrange to play their games off at an earlier date or time, but under no circumstances may they play off at a later date.

A list of games to be played from Tuesday to Friday next week has been posted on the Club Notice Board.

Last Saturday the Champions of the First and Second Divisions, Hong Kong Cricket League, took on teams representing the Rest in what were, more or less, the last two official games of the 1948-49 season.

From the point of view of the Champions, the least said about these games the better, for in both cases they went down ingloriously.

Perhaps it was because they felt that these being in the nature of an excuse for them to play hosts to the Rest, they could afford to be the perfect hosts. Whatever the reason, neither Club de Recreation, Senior Division champions, nor the winners of the Second Division, Indian Recreation Club, produced form worthy of champions.

To make up for their poor showing in the field, both Recreation and Indian RC showed that in one respect they were real champions in their hospitality. After the games the two home teams entertained the visitors to drinks and light refreshments, and in general the players and guests made merry.

There were speeches, too, just to lend that extra touch to what was the finale to the League cricket season.

All things considered, it had been an enjoyable season. The only difference between the 1948-49 season and the previous one was that there was no shield presentations, but then a trophy is just a superfluous thing which is available in that much more welcome.

At Recreation the home team forced badly against the bowling of Stepto, Koh and White and were all out for a paltry 77. Then the Rest went in to bat and thanks to a fine knock by Oliver, HKCC, they were comfortably won by seven wickets in hand.

The game at Sooklunpoo ended in a win by 69 runs for the Rest for whom A. E. Noronha, Recreation, batted excellently, and Matthews bowled accurately.

And so bats, pads, gloves etc. will be stored—excepting for a few more friendly matches which remain to be played.

BASEBALL

New York, April 11. Exhibition baseball: Boston Braves 2, Baltimore 3; Cincinnati Reds 11, Montgomery (Selma League) 0; Cleveland Indians 9, New York Giants 3; St. Louis Browns 11, Wichita Falls 3; New York Yankees 9, Dallas (Texas League) 6. — United Press.

Amendment To Stamp Ordinance

An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance of 1921, to authorise banks to issue cheques bearing the words "Stamp Duty Paid" will have its First Reading at the Legislative Council meeting today.

The amendment is said to be of mutual advantage to Government and to banks. The banks will have to account to Government at regular intervals for the Stamp Duty.

The amendment will do away with the affixation of adhesive stamps to cheques as at present the practice.

The amendment increases Stamp Duty from 10 cents to 15 cents in the case of receipts and makes import and export declarations liable to a Stamp Duty of HK\$1.

Under clause 4 of the Bill, the Ordinance will come into operation on or after May 1, 1949, and in the case of instruments which require stamping before they are drawn or executed it would either be necessary to exempt altogether instruments drawn or executed before such date or to make special provision.

The former alternative would entail a serious loss of revenue and it is accordingly proposed to treat such instruments in the same manner as foreign bills negotiated in the Colony.

Under section 18 of the principal Ordinance such bills must be properly stamped before they can be negotiated here. Similarly bills, cheques and letters of credit which are presented for payment, indorsed, transferred, negotiated, paid or used after May 1, 1949, will require additional stamps.

Provision is made however to exempt from penalty the drawer and holders prior to the person who fails to comply with this requirement.

Victoria Club Callover

London, April 11. Only Abernath and Star King were backed for the Two Thousand Guineas when the card was called over at the Victoria Club here tonight.

Layoff offered 7 to 4 against Abernath, 7 to 2 Star King and 10 to 1 bar two.

Lord Derby's Swallow Tail was made favourite for the Derby at 10 to 1. He was the only one backed for the Epsom classic, 100 to 1 bar one being offered at the close.

The Callover, the first on the two races, was one of the quietest in the history of the Victoria Club. There has been little winter wagering either of the two races.—Reuter.

NO CAUSE FOR MORE COMPLAINT

West Bridgford, Notts., April 11.

A man who missed a £20,750 prize in a football pool competition because his correct entry was caught in the folds of a parcel and delayed has been told by the Post Office: "We trust you will have no cause for future complaint."

All that Mr. Lucian de Pontino, the unlucky competitor, received for his one in a million correct forecast was a photographic copy of his envelope bearing the postmark of the day before the matches were played, March 10, and an endorsement saying: "Found in parcel, March 11."—Reuter.

The Directors of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited, will recommend to the shareholders at the next annual meeting of the Company the payment of a final dividend of £2.80 a share, free of tax, on "Old" Shares, and £2.10 a share, free of tax, on "New" Shares.

The game between Army HK and Army Kln, originally to have been played yesterday, was cancelled, while the encounter between KMB and Navy was postponed.



The Army Singapore Soccer XI which arrived here on Monday for a series of games, were officially welcomed by the Hong Kong Football Association at a Cocktail Party at the Gripps last night. ("China Mail" Photo).

British Legion Holds Annual Meeting

More members and better co-operation among ex-service-men are needed, in order to swell the funds of the legion, said Mr. Cedric Blaker, MC, presiding at the British Legion (Hong Kong Branch) Annual Meeting, held at the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, yesterday.

Mr. Russell, member of the Legion, said that regarding war claims, firms have been successful in recovering their losses. But, in particular, those who had been interned in Stanley, have lost their all. It is on behalf of these people that the Legion should appeal to the home Government to secure whatever claims they can get.

The newly elected president, Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell, replied and said he will bring this matter before the incoming committee, but he doubted very much whether the Legion was the proper party to undertake such a petition.

The services will cover some 15,824 miles of routes to Australia, New Zealand and the Far East. The men are Captains C. North, Sawie, Chief Pilot, Pacific services, L.C. Stevenson, H. L. Madden, A. Vanhee, J.K. Potter, R.N. Goldie, M.D. Lee and L.G. Fraser. Together, their flying time totals more than 70,000 hours.

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Astronomical navigation and the use of such aids as the war-time-inspired "Loran" are also included in the course.

Following completion of the ground course, the men will take to the air for practical survey and familiarisation flights over the actual routes they will fly when CPAL inaugurates its trans-Pacific services.

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The Reverend Mr. G. M. Stevenson will be the guest speaker at the meeting of Tue 11 tonight.

His subject "Attonement." The H. meet at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, at 8.30 p.m. The members invite all interested including women to the meeting this evening.

HMS London (Captain P.G.L. Cazalee DSO, DSC) wearing the Flag of Vice-Admiral A.C.G. Madden, CB, CBE, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, will leave Hong Kong on Monday for a routine visit to Shanghai.

The Ordinary Yearly Meeting of shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, will be held on May 20.

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U.S. Air Force Speed Claim

Washington, April 12.

The U.S. Air Secretary, W. Stuart Symington, said yesterday that U.S. Air Force pilots have flown hundreds of miles per hour beyond the speed of sound.

He did not specify an exact figure. At sea level the speed of sound is 764 miles per hour.

Mr. Symington made his statement testifying before the House of Representatives' Armed Services Committee in support of legislation to authorize a US\$311,000,000 programme for transonic and supersonic research.—Associated Press.

Navigation Course For Air Pilots

Eight experienced pilots of the Canadian Pacific Air Lines are now undergoing an advanced course in long range air navigation preparatory to opening the company's trans-Pacific services.

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HMS London (Captain P.G.L. Cazalee DSO, DSC) wearing the Flag of Vice-Admiral A.C.G. Madden, CB, CBE, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, will leave Hong Kong on Monday for a routine visit to Shanghai.

The Ordinary Yearly Meeting of shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, will be held on May 20.

Subject to audit, the Directors will recommend payment of a dividend of £1.10 (80 shillings) a share.

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Girls Play Mothers

In what must surely have been a unique event in the history of the Colony, the Senior Girls Hockey Team of the King George V School played last Saturday against a team of Mothers and friends in a match arranged by the Sports Committee of the Parents' Association, at the school ground.

The girls' team, which had been collected at short notice, by Mr. J. Moore, had only one opportunity of practicing together before the match and opponents gathered among spectators before the match started.

The match was a close one, but the girls' team, who were on their mettle and during the first half outplayed the mothers' team, who were on their mettle and during the first half outplayed the mothers' team, who were on their mettle and during the first half outplayed the mothers' team.

Not satisfied only with defence, they also occasionally took the play into the school's half, and before the half time whistle, actually put the ball past the school goalkeeper, only to have their goal disallowed because the ball was struck from outside the circle.

In the second half of the game the disparity in ages of the two teams began to show, and the school team by a 2-0 victory won the match.

The crowd was loud and amusing in its encouragement of both sides and clearly both young and old found the game interesting and worth watching.

Perhaps some of the mothers who put up such a sporting game wondered next day if it was all worth the fuss of a regular match of this kind between the school and the older generation.

The Parents' Association are arranging a football match between the school and Fathers on Saturday, April 23. (Contributed).

Hockey Fixtures

SUNDAY, APRIL 17
Malaya v Ireland, King's Park (RNRC), 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: Yeo Sigs Gater.—P.F. Xavier.

Dutch HC v Civil Service, Boundary Street, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: S.E.P.O. Yeomans.—J. H. Binko.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
RAF v HK Police, Kai Tak, 5.30 p.m.; Umpires: B.S.M. Wilson.—A.M. Silver.

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (30381) Ext. 1171 before 5 p.m. on Friday. Scores and results are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify result as soon as possible after the match.

LEAGUE TABLE

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Army de Recreation	22	19	2	1	72	8	40
Club	21	14	4	3	60	22	32
Navy	21	12	4	5	42	18	28
Khalifa	20	12	4	4	41	19	28
HK Police	21	9	5	7	34	23	23
Civil Service	21	10	1	10	47	21	21
RAP	21	9	2	10	42	20	20
Dutch	21	6	3	12	28	15	15
University	22	7	1	14	39	45	15
Cable & Wireless	22	4	2	16	31	65	14
Dockyard RC	12	4	1	7	21	9	9
YMCA	10	2	1	7	14	24	5

IRELAND XI

The following is the 'Ireland' hockey team to meet Malaya at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday April 17, at Kings Park.—(RNRCU).

Capt. McGrath, Sgt. Corr Sgt. Major Hunt (Army) LAC'S Doyle, Gibson, and Coony (RAF) Ldg. Wrt. Morrison, P. O. Heward (Navy) M. Joyce, and E. Kane (Dockyard) Insp. J. Wall (Police). Shirts will be provided. Any of the above named unable to play are to notify E. Kane on 30381. Ext. 140 before Friday.

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No World Open Lawn Tennis In Sight

London, April 12.

A World Open lawn tennis tournament, with amateurs and professionals competing on equal terms, appears as far away as ever. From time to time suggestions have been put forward and efforts have been made to stage such a tournament, but on each occasion the governing amateur bodies have frowned on the idea.

The latest attempt came from America, but it has fallen through as a result of the United States Lawn Tennis Association's decision not to sanction an open event.

The plan came from Lloyd Douglas, Director of the "Save a Child Foundation," who intended to invite 32 of the world's top professional and amateur players to participate.

He suggested that the tournament should be played either in New York, Chicago or Los Angeles with US\$50,000 in prizes for the professionals and expenses, together with appropriate trophies, for the amateurs. The profits from the event and all radio and television receipts would have been used to help to take displaced children to the United States from Europe.

Mr. Douglas received the consent of Mr. Jerry Adler, of the Professional Lawn Tennis Association, to stage the Open event, but the United States Lawn Tennis Association would have nothing to do with it.

Mr. Charles Hall, head of the Association's Tournament Committee, said: "We are not interested in Open tournaments."

Nothing To Gain

He pointed out that the rules of the Association forbid amateurs from playing with professionals, and added: "We should have nothing to gain from an Open event. The situation cannot be likened to that in golf. We have the organisation in tennis and the bulk of the playing talent. The professionals would just use us for their own means—a good way to get rich purses."

Many people think that Open events will come eventually and the professionals are in favour of them.

Three players from the paid ranks, who were leading amateurs in the world, have voiced their approval. Jack Kramer, former Wimbledon champion, who is the leading professional in the world today, likes the idea of an Open Wimbledon, with the proviso that 20 per cent of the gate receipts should be set aside for the paid ranks.

Another former Wimbledon champion, Fred Perry, advocates throwing open Wimbledon to professionals. He points out that tennis is now big business and ideas are changing.

Donald Hodge, another world champion, predicted last year that Open tournaments were "on the way." He suggested that the first Open event would be established within the next five years.—Reuter.

Blackpool Boxer Keeps British Title

Nottingham, April 11. Ronnie Clayton, the 26-year-old Blackpool boxer, retained his British and British Empire featherweight titles with a clear points' victory against Johnny Molloy, of St. Helen's, Lancashire, here tonight.

Apart from a few of the early rounds, when Molloy appeared quite confident, Clayton did nearly all of the forking. It was his right hand which paved the way for victory.

He dropped Molloy for a count of eight in the second round with a beautifully timed right hook to the jaw, and with another smashing right to the jaw in the sixth round he put the challenger down for good. After that he was well on top.

It seems likely that Clayton will now fight either Tony Lombard, the South African champion, for the Empire title, or Al Phillips, the London featherweight.—Reuter.

GIRL WINS

Milan, April 11. A 12-year-old girl, Annunziata Marchesi, won 25,000,000 lire (about £12,500) in last week's Italian football pools. It was announced here today. She won the prize for an outfit of 50 lire (about sixpence). She is a member of a large family working a dairy farm on the outskirts of Milan.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS Easter Race Meeting, Saturday, 16th and Monday, 18th April, 1949

There are twelve races each day. The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

Through Numbers (24 Races—\$48) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race of the second day, as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the 6th Race Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Lantau Handicap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE. Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's office will close at 10 a.m. each day.

Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building. A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 2 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB PREMISES DURING THE MEETING. PUBLIC ENCLOSURE. The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is 5 pence each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, the Tao men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting. Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSSES. Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY who are requested to distribute them with determination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employer's stands.

BY ORDER: S. A. SING, Secretary.



Peaceful Nights

In deep, peaceful sleep, Nature works her wonders of restoration, bringing new strength and energy to your tired body and a new sense of well-being to meet the coming day. You can do much to ensure this revitalising sleep by